

Saint Therese Church

February 25, 2018

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Established 1924

www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

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

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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.

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Blanca Ruvalcaba 281-7070

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-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



For more info about our school, go to:
www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

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.

Holy Days:

6:00, 8:00, 10:00 a.m., & 7:30 p.m.

Devotions:

Rosary: After Mon-Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass;
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-

8:00p.m.; Intercessors for Priests:

Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.; First Friday Mass
and Confessions: 7:30 p.m.

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Catherine Contreras (112)

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Bro. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD (224)

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Religious Education and Liturgical Ministries:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)
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Confirmation & RCIA

Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)

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. Coordinator: Ruben Beltran—284-0020 (2)

OBSERVING THE SEASON OF LENT

Soup Nights AND Stations of the Cross



All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (no meat). For details about the rules for fasting and abstinence, please see the Events section of our website.

Soup Nights (simple meatless meals) are held in the Parish Hall on all the Fridays of Lent from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. There will be a free-will offering basket available each week to help support various groups. The next sponsors are: **March 2:** Confirmation; **March 9:** STRE & RCIA; **March 16:** Saint Therese Carmelite School; and **March 23:** Knights of Columbus and Retrouvaille leaders

Stations of the Cross are held in the church every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m., following Soup Night.

Experiencing God's Forgiveness and Cleansing Power Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation

What could possibly be a better way to begin Lent and to experience a clean conscience than by going to Confession? We know that when we confess our sins, we are forgiven—completely! But then comes the real challenge: keeping our consciences clear after we have received absolution. It's one thing to experience God's forgiveness, but what will change us so that we don't end up confessing the same things over and over again?

You may be surprised to find that the answer lies—again—in Confession! The sacrament doesn't just empty us of the past; it also fills us with grace for the future. That's because in Confession we meet Jesus, who came not only to pardon our sins but also to make us holy. In Confession, Jesus lifts the weight of our past sins from our shoulders so that we can go out into the world free from guilt, inspired by grace to say an even firmer no to sin than before.

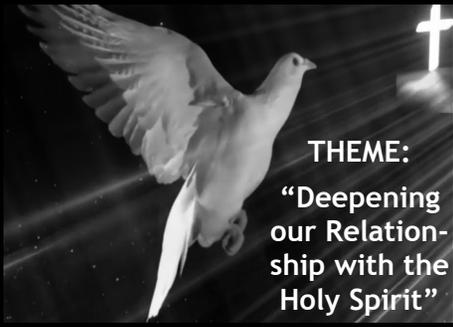
Of course, we all face temptation, just as Jesus did. But because Jesus triumphed in the wilderness, we can triumph as well. Jesus, the victor, is always ready to help us when we call out to Him. He is right next to us, reminding us of His forgiveness and urging us to accept the grace He has stored up for us. He is here to remind us that He has overcome sin and that we can now enjoy the fruits of His victory.

So make sure you celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent (Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. If you've been away for "awhile," please call of the priests and schedule an appointment). When you go to confession, know that the grace of this sacrament is there to cleanse you and to fill you with God's power. It is an ongoing grace that brings you closer to Jesus and strengthens you against any and all temptation.

"Thank you, Lord, for the grace that comes with Confession!"



Women's Retreat in Lent



THEME:
 "Deepening our Relationship with the Holy Spirit"

Women! You are invited to join St. Therese Church on March 9-11, 2018, for a Lenten Weekend Retreat, led by our Carmelite Friars at beautiful El Carmelo Retreat House in

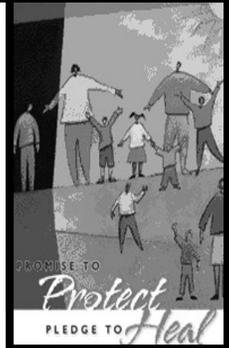
Redlands. Roundtrip Bus transportation will be available. Cost is \$20 (cash only) and will be collected in advance of boarding the bus. Board the bus in front of the church on Friday, March 9, at 1:15 pm.

A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your room. Applications can be found in the church vestibule and entrances (Single Occupancy, \$200; Double Occupancy per person, \$175).

To submit your deposit or for more information, contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186 or lousiaeday@yahoo.com.

Safeguard the Children

DID YOU KNOW? Neglect is the most common form of child abuse. It is the failure to meet a child's basic needs, including housing, food, clothing, education, safety and access to health care. Neglect is most often characterized by acts of omission that aren't easy to see. The signs of neglect are wide and varied, and may include: failure to develop and grow appropriately, or malnourishment, among infants; wearing inadequate clothing for the weather; and children who seem to be wholly responsible for the welfare of their siblings. If you know that any type of abuse is occurring, or if a child discloses to you, it is important to communicate these concerns to the appropriate authorities. Call your local law enforcement or child protective services department to report suspected abuse of any kind.

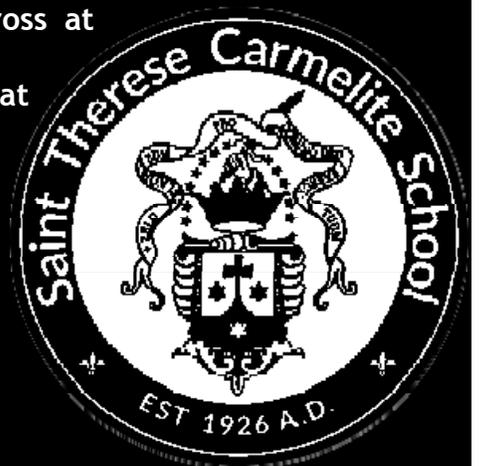


SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

Deeply rooted in Carmelite spirituality, Saint Therese Carmelite School seeks to form students in faith, academics, and virtue through a Classical education.

"Love lives only by sacrifice." -St. Therese of Lisieux

- March 2 (Friday): Mass at 8:00 a.m.; Stations of the Cross at 12:30 p.m.
- March 9 (Friday): Mass at 8:00 a.m.; Stations of the Cross at 12:30 p.m.
- March 16 (Friday): Mass at 8:00 a.m.; Stations of the Cross at 12:30 p.m.
- March 16 (Friday): SCHOOL-SPONSORED SOUP NIGHT from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- March 23 (Friday): Mass at 8:00 a.m.; Stations of the Cross at 12:30 p.m.
- March 29 (Thursday): Holy Thursday - No School
- March 30 (Friday): Good Friday - No School



We encourage you to visit the school office to learn more about our school, to take a tour, or to spend a day with our amazing students and wonderful teachers. Please feel free to contact us at 289-3364 or admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com.

COR JESU YOUTH MINISTRY

"THE UNTOUCHABLES—Receiving and Giving

COR JESU HOLY HOUR: The next one will be March 1, at 7:00 p.m., in the church (for Youth, Young Adults, Family), followed by Social time at 8:00 p.m. for 1) High School students and 2) Young Adults (separate groups).

YOUTH NIGHT (WITHIN FAMILY NIGHT): The next one will be Friday, March 23.

Flyers with all the details, as well as the Cor Jesu Registration form, are on our website (Cor Jesu).



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalm: I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading: God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel: This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

THE OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM AND JESUS: God tested Abraham by asking not for an ordinary sacrifice, which would have been a partial burning with the meat divided between God and the people and eaten by those who sacrificed, but for a holocaust, a total burning of the sacrificial animal. This type of sacrifice consecrated the entire offering to God alone. This is what God was asking of Abraham in offering his only son, Isaac. When Abraham demonstrated his obedience, that was enough. This story from today's scriptures foretells the completion of the blood sacrifices of the old covenant in the new covenant: the blood of God's own Son, offered to us on the cross and in the Eucharist. Abraham's obedience foreshadows the obedience of Jesus to God's promise of salvation. The obedience of Abraham is rewarded in the birth to him, through Isaac, of many nations. The obedience of Jesus is rewarded in the salvation of all people for all time.

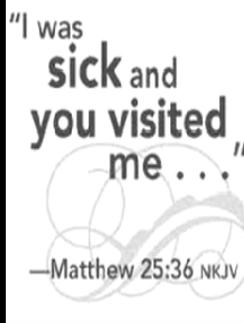
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION: The second Sunday of Lent every year recalls the Transfiguration of the Lord. Since the fourth century, Mount Tabor has been the focus of devotion to this event. As mountains go, it is not particularly lofty, rising about fifteen hundred feet, within view of the Sea of Galilee and very close to Nazareth. Scripture doesn't identify the mountain, but in the year 348 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem said he preferred



Mount Tabor to Mount Hermon as the site of the Transfiguration, and his opinion won. It has long been a strategic military site, and ancient fortresses are visible on the heights. Over the centuries, churches and fortified monasteries rose on the mountaintop, only to be destroyed by various invaders. Six hundred years ago, local Christians started to decorate the ruins with flags and banners on the Feast of the Transfiguration. In 1631, the Sultan granted permission to the Franciscans to live on Mount Tabor, and they have been there ever since, discovering the ruins of an old Crusader church and constructing the present church on the site in 1924. The top of the mountain is divided into Greek Orthodox and Latin (that's us) zones. At one time, tourists arrived on the summit by bus, but this is no longer permitted. Some ride bicycles up a challenging and winding path, while others take the four thousand three hundred steps constructed for Christian pilgrims in the fourth century. It's hard to imagine the fishermen following Jesus up this craggy mountain without complaint. Visitors will sympathize with Peter's plan to construct booths and stay put with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah for a while, enjoying the view, and planning the trip back.

NEEDED: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound

We are still in **DESPERATE NEED** of Extraordinary Ministers to bring Holy Communion to the homebound. Those who volunteer would need to go **ONLY ONE DAY EVERY TWO MONTHS**. This is a very special ministry as, of course, it is an opportunity to bring Jesus to those Catholics who are not able to attend



Mass to receive Him. Please prayerfully consider if the Lord is calling YOU for this noble position. **To volunteer or for more information about volunteering, please contact Fred Padilla at fjpgadilla@earthlink.net or 282-0943. God bless!**

BAPTISM

PARENTS & GODPARENTS are required to attend a class from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library (next will be April 5 and May 3). The fee is \$100 per child OR \$25 for the class only. Baptisms are on Saturdays (next open are at 11:00 a.m., on April 28 and May 26).

TO REGISTER...

go to our website and click on Sacraments > Baptism. You will also need to bring a copy of your child's birth certificate to the class.

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 needs to be signed by a priest from the parish of each prospective godparent.

For more information, contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020, Ext. 225, or rhondalstorey@gmail.com.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ELEMENTARY GRADES, HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION, and ADULT RCIA

ELEMENTARY: Classes are in session TODAY, Sunday, February 25, at 9:00 a.m.

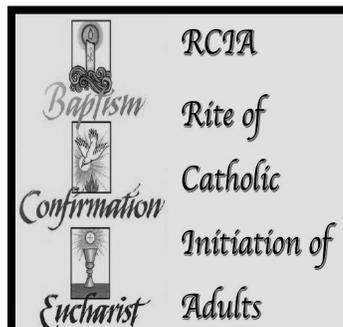
CONFIRMATION:

C1—The next classes will be Sunday, March 11, at 9:00 a.m.; and Tuesday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m.

C2—Classes are in session TODAY, Sunday, February 25, at 9:00 a.m.; and Tuesday, February 27, at 7:00 p.m.

RCIA

Upcoming class dates are **Thursdays, March 1, 8, and 22**—at 7:00 p.m. For questions, contact the DRE, Rhonda Storey, at 284-0020 (1) or Ruben Beltran, Confirmation Coordinator, at 284-0020 (2).



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Joining your local council of the Knights of Columbus can change your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to strengthen your parish, give back to your community, and grow in your faith.ous prayer and Eucharistic adoration programs.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are, practicing Catholics who accept the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

For more information, call the Alhambra Grand Knight, Paul Gutierrez, at (888) 869-3124.

DONATIONS FOR THE CARMELITE NUNS



Thank you to all who made donations to the Disalced Carmelite Nuns here in Alhambra. You may still make a donation by using one of the pink envelopes from the pews. May God bless you for your heartfelt support our Nuns. God bless you!

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Because of the Staff retreat on February 20, the bulletin had to be submitted before the collection of February 17/18. Totals will be in next week's bulletin.

January 20 / 21, 2018.....\$24,066.00
 January 27 / 28, 2018.....\$11,662.00
 February 3 / 4.....\$11,662.00
 February 10 / 11.....\$14,912.00

"...for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Check
Users:

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

ON-GOING MEETINGS / CLASSES / MINISTRIES

AVILA YOUNG ADULT GROUP (Ages 21–39, singles/couples): Join us on most first Saturdays of the month at 6:15 p.m., in the Guadalupe Courtyard, as well as for socials. For more info, go to Avila Outreach on Facebook OR contact the Coordinator, Paula Grimm, at (909) 703-1284 or pgrimm.dir@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY: Classes meet Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Following time for gathering, each session then begins at 7:30 p.m. Current session ("The Story of Salvation") continues through June 2018 (you can catch up on the Ascension Press website: www.ascensionpress.com). For more info, contact Debbie Robles at debrobles@me.com or 679-6370.

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

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 meetings will be Wednesday, March 14 and 28.

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.

IRISH STEP-DANCING CLASSES: Irish dance classes are held on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall (for 45 minutes to one hour). Classes are for kids 4+ and for adults. Contact Maria Henrie at mariacahill11@yahoo.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: We are a fraternal order of Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen our faith through serving the Church & community. Call the Alhambra Grand Knight, Paul Gutierrez, 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

For Week of 2/24/18 TO 3/3/18

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Michael Anders, Jr., RIP

Sunday

*7:30 am: Sr. Maria Milagro of the Holy Spirit, OCD, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Theresa Lim, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Ernie O'Conner, INT

11:00 a.m.: Anita Lim & Family, INT

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

5:00 p.m.: Belen Africa, RIP

Monday

6:00 a.m.: Healing of Family Tree of Gatica Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: David Lopez, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Sandra Parks, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Katherine Grace Pagbilao, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Marietta Okamoto & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Sonny deGuzman, B-day INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Rhony Laigo, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Marietta Okamoto Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Katherine Grace Pagbilao, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Ed Broom, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Marietta Okamoto & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Sandra Parks, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Daniel Setia Widjaja, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Angelle Francis & Karina Therese, INT

8:00 a.m.: Gus Dennison RIP

7:30 p.m.: Carmina & Julius Doria, INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Antonio Cailan, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Sandra Parks, RIP

Floral Dedication

There will be no floral dedications during Lent as there are no flowers on the altar during this Season.

However, you may set up a future dedication (for after April 1) in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones!

Just leave a message for Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049. Prices start at \$45.



Outside the Parish

2018 Carmelite Pilgrimage to the Shrines of France (Alençon Jubilee) on September 2 - 14, to honor the parents of St. Thérèse, Sts. Louis & Zélie Martin's 160th wedding anniversary Jubilee Year! We will be traveling with a Carmelite Friar as Chaplain. Pilgrim route of beautiful shrines of France include: Lourdes (160th Anniversary), Rocamadour, Avignon (Provence), Ars, Paray La Monial, Beaune (Musée de l'Hotel-Dieu), Dijon (Elizabeth of the Trinity), Vézelay (St. Bernard of Clairvaux), Alençon, Mont Saint-Michel, and Lisieux! Cost: \$4395.00 from LAX (based on double room occupancy). Sign-up by May 15 to save \$200. Includes R/T non-stop air, luxury motorcoach, 3&4* hotels with private bath, daily breakfast/dinner, guided tours, daily Mass. Contact Jack & Louisa Day at (323)722-9339 or (323)360-5186 OR Caroline Syversen at (800)334-5425 / <http://syversentouring.com/carmel>.



Personal Ads

Lady seeks to RENT ROOM IN A HOME. Call Kelly at 297-2103.

Former seminarian (now in full-time ministry, senior in good health, very dedicated and trustworthy) SEEKS TO RENT A ROOM, SMALL APT. OR GUEST HOUSE. Can do some work and offer security. Call Larry at 213-265-9556.

Lectors

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Marta Timar / Alice Cheung

Sunday:

7:30 a.m.: Jackie Johnson / Florence Goh

9:00 a.m.: Lucas Setiady / John Kienker

11:00 a.m.: Lucy Lopez / Pat Cervantes

5:00 p.m.: Charlie Gopez

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