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Saturday: 8:00 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 8:00 a.m.—the 8:00

a.m. Mass is live streamed on our Facebook page AND our YouTube channel

Monday & Thursday evenings:

Mass at 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS under the red umbrellas on

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at least six months in advance

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Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, and His clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." Suddenly, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, He charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant (Mark 9:2-10).

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.

INDOOR MASSES

Daily at 6:00 & 8:00 a.m.

Sunday7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
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•Sunday at 11:00 a.m.**CLOISTERED NUNS' CHAPEL**

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Saturday 7:30 a.m. Mass
is now OPEN to the public

FROM THE PASTOR

REVISED WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Dear Parishioners,

Blessed Second Week of Lent, everyone! This Second Sunday ALWAYS—no matter which Liturgical Year we are in—uses the Transfiguration Gospel, when Jesus let Peter, James and John experience something of the glory of His Risen Life. Why do we always have this Gospel? Because by giving us this Gospel the Church reminds us of what St. Paul says in Philippians 3: “I wish to know Christ and the power of His Resurrection, and likewise to have communion with Him in His Suffering.” For Jesus in His human

nature, Good Friday came first, then Easter Sunday. Not so for us living after His Resurrection: for us Easter Sunday comes first, then in that power of His, we go forth and share in His Suffering through prayer, fasting, and works of mercy.

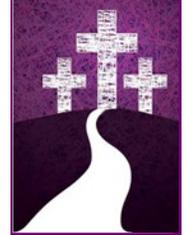
And speaking of works of mercy: the greatest source of mercy is, of course, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. To make that more attractive and accessible, **we will be moving the weekday 9:00 a.m. outdoor Mass BACK INSIDE THE CHURCH starting Monday, March 1st (AND changing the time back to 8:00 a.m., due to our school opening up again on Monday—thanks be to God).** We will also try a Spanish Mass, with some sharing of St. Teresa and St. John of the Cross in Spanish, this Tuesday evening, followed by some Quiet Listening Prayer, which St. Teresa calls prayer that prepares us for the gift of contemplative prayer. Afterwards, we will have a better sense of how and if to go forward with a Spanish Mass.

Here are some thoughts by Dr. Mary Healy, a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission and a Scripture professor at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, on what this sharing in the Power of Christ's Resurrection looks like for faith-filled Christians seeking also to share in His Suffering:

A Tsunami of the Spirit

Andrew Laubacher was in many ways a typical Catholic young adult. He loved surfing, playing music, and hanging out with his friends. In his teen years he had gone through a time of rebellion and had gotten into some trouble with the law. He had become an atheist for a time. Then he experienced a powerful conversion at a Steubenville Youth Conference and began to learn that, as followers of Christ, we are called to bring the Good News to others in the power of the Holy Spirit. He had even witnessed some miraculous healings.

One beautiful afternoon on the Southern California coast, Andrew had just finished surfing and was walking along the boardwalk in his wetsuit when he spotted a young girl sitting in a wheelchair. He *knew* he had to pray with her. In his own words, Andrew recounts what happened next: “I changed from my wetsuit and approached the girl, who was with her parents. They didn't speak English but the girl did. I asked how she was doing and if she wanted prayer for anything, and she began to pour out her life to me. It was shocking! She had just gotten out of the hospital because she had tried to kill herself for the second time. She had done meth and several other drugs, and she struggled with depression and anxiety. She had difficulty walking because she had had cerebral palsy since she was born. After she said all this, I was extremely moved with compassion and felt that God wanted to encounter her. Boldness came over me, casting out all fear that I was not good enough to pray with her. So I prayed for healing for her condition, for peace, and the power of the Holy Spirit to flood her body.



**“Preach as you go,
saying, ‘The kingdom
of Heaven is at hand.’
Heal the sick, raise the
dead, cleanse the
lepers, cast out
demons”
(Matthew 10:7–8).**

**“The kingdom of God
does not consist in talk
but in power”
(1 Corinthians 4:20).**

After I prayed for a little while, I asked her to get up and walk. She began to walk and realized she was walking straighter and with less pain. Then I prayed over her crooked knees. After the prayer they were perfectly straight. I asked her what she was experiencing and she said her knees were hot and her body was tingling but was pain-free. I told her, 'That's Jesus, baby!' It turned out she was Catholic but not into her faith at all. I told her to get to Mass and confession and receive the forgiveness that God wanted to give her. I stayed in touch with her after that day. She texted me to tell me she went to confession and Mass and said she felt free and lighter and experienced the love of God. After reflecting on that experience and many more, I am convinced that, as the Scriptures say, the Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power" (1 Cor. 4:20).

As Christians, everywhere we go we can bring people healing and redemption through Jesus. We seem to do a lot of ministry and mission trips, but what if every day in our homes we prayed with the sick, the depressed, the lame, and the blind for healing? It would change everything. We would be manifesting the Kingdom, which is His love. This is our mission, to go out into all the world and bring the Good News of healing, mercy, compassion, and—most of all—unconditional love!

Because of Andrew's faith and courage in obeying the prompting of the Holy Spirit, that young girl's life was changed forever. If he had done nothing but talk to her about God's love, that alone would have been a very good thing. However, she might have thought to herself, "Sure, I know. I've heard all that before." But because Andrew took the bold step of praying with her for healing, she experienced God's love in her very body. In a most tangible way, this broken person encountered the power and mercy of the risen Lord, restoring her to the fullness of life.

I am convinced that Andrew's story represents something immensely significant that God is doing in the Church in our time. The healing of the girl on the beach, while dramatic, is not unique. Thousands of similar healings have taken place around the world in recent years, as Catholics and other Christians have responded with new faith and fervor to the Lord's call to evangelize in the power of the Holy Spirit. In this age when so many have wandered far from God, the Lord is once more clothing His followers with power from on high (Luke 24:49). He is calling us to go out and proclaim the Gospel not only in words, but also in signs and wonders that bear witness to the truth of the words.

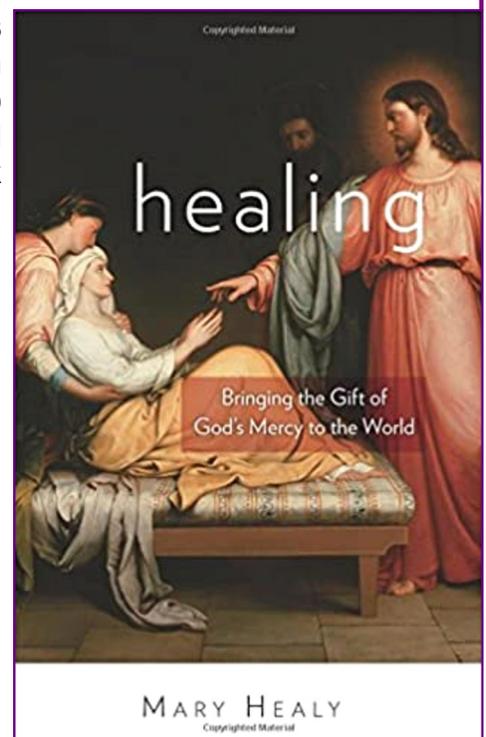
Healing is one of the charisms the Holy Spirit bestows on Christ's followers to equip us for mission. The gift of healing has been present in the Church in every age, but is being poured out in remarkable abundance in our time. Perhaps this is in part because of the tremendous emotional and spiritual woundedness in postmodern society. God has infinite compassion for those who suffer, and healing is one of the means He uses to manifest His real and powerful love.

There remain, however, many misconceptions about healing. Many Catholics assume miracles of healing are confined to the lives of great saints or to shrines like Lourdes, and that it is presumptuous for ordinary people to pray with expectation for such miracles. Many believe that God prefers His children to simply endure sickness or disability rather than to seek healing. Others would like to pray with people for healing, but are unsure how to go about it. My book seeks to address these difficulties and answer questions like the following:

- Is Jesus really still healing people today?
- Are claimed miraculous healings authentic, and do they last?
- How do we know if God wants us to pray for healing?
- Who gets the gift of healing, and can I ask for it?
- How do I pray for healing?
- What if I pray and the person doesn't get healed?
- How does prayer for healing relate to the saints and sacraments?
- Does the Lord heal broken hearts as well as bodies?

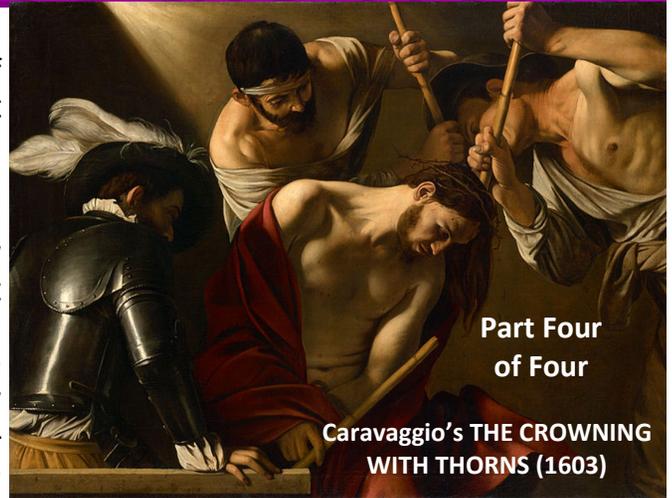
(Excerpted from Mary Healy's book, *Healing: Bringing the Gift of God's Mercy to the World*, pp. 11-13).

**Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph,
Fr. Thomas, OCD**



Beauty Will Save the World

While artists knew how to wield the brush and chisel, interpreting sacred stories for the faithful was the province of preachers. The Church, despite the setbacks of the Mannerist era, decided to encourage these individual artistic visions. Prelates published a huge number of artistic treatises in Italian, aiming to transform painters into “tacit preachers” with the “office to delight, teach, and move.” Artists were offered the status they had craved from the time of Leonardo da Vinci, but with that power came great responsibility. Amid the brutal martyrdoms, doctrinal uncertainty, and vitriolic language that filled the pamphlets churned out by the printing press, art provided a way to draw people together. This mission continued until the mid-eighteenth century, but eventually dwindled during the Enlightenment.



Part Four
of Four

Caravaggio's THE CROWNING
WITH THORNS (1603)

Which brings us to now. Centuries have passed since Church patronage produced the likes of a Caravaggio or a Bernini, and very few people commission church décor in fresco or oil paint these days. Why, in this era, should we be interested in the drawings and disputes of a bygone age? The reason is that the challenges and circumstances that the Church faced five hundred years ago bear a striking similarity to the ones the faithful face today, while the truths of the Church that artists so deftly displayed half a millennium ago have remained the same. Even today, art can assist the Church with several of her needs: 1. Art is useful in telling the story of our salvation in paint, marble, or film. 2. Art can bring clarity. It allows for the discussion of different interpretations of events but can also provide guidance. The tradition of belief and beauty go hand in hand. 3. Art is uplifting. The language of art affirmed Church teaching but also delighted the faithful and enjoyed a universality. Artists of the post-Reformation era were encouraged to represent the best of humanity even in its worst moments.

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

HELP SUPPORT THE CLOISTERED CARMELITE NUNS!

It's not too late to help our Cloistered Carmelite Nuns and their evangelical life of praying for the Church and for all of us. **PINK DONATION ENVELOPES** can be found on the tables at the back of the church and on the table behind the chairs in our “outdoor church”.

All donations will go towards providing for the Nuns' daily needs and for the upkeep of their monastery—this year more than ever! Since many churches have been closed due to the pandemic, they have lost most of the income they earn from providing Communion breads to parishes.

God bless and reward your generosity!

ALSO...the **7:30 a.m. Mass** at the Nuns' chapel is again **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Monday through Saturday!**



Quiet Listening Prayer

THE DYNAMITE
IN PRAYER

By Peter Kreeft
PART FIVE OF FIVE

Chris: The Bible *reads* you now. It becomes like a sword: not dead on the ground, but alive because Somebody's hand is using it.

Sal: That Somebody is the Holy Spirit?

Chris: Yes. The Bible calls itself "the Sword of the Spirit," you know.

Sal: It sounds almost scary.

Chris: It can be—like looking through a keyhole and seeing an eye looking back at you. But it's the eye of Infinite Love. Here's another way to put the difference it makes: Did you ever see one of those kids' puzzles in the Sunday papers, where there's a jungle scene or something, and the puzzle reads, "Find the man in the picture"? After you squint and turn it sideways you notice that that tree trunk is his mouth, and that elephant ear is his chin, and so on. Then, once you see all the lines as part of his face, you can never see that picture the same again. It's not just a jungle; it's a man. It's a little like seeing the "man in the moon". But in the case of Scripture, he's really there—though he's not just a man, he's God. Every word becomes part of his face, tells you about *him*. You meet *him* now when you read.

Sal: Really? You're not exaggerating or idealizing?

Chris: No. It really happens.

Sal: That's a way to pray, then: reading Scripture.

Chris: Yes. We'll talk about that later too.

Sal: And I suppose the Holy Spirit makes a difference to your life too, right?

Chris: Of course. One difference is that he gives you a sense of direction, of guidance. You need more than written rules, you know.

Sal: Why?

Chris: Because no set of rules can cover everything. Situations and personalities are different. There *are* rules, but we have to apply them to different situations. That's where the Holy Spirit helps. You sense what his will is because you know him—just as you can tell what your father would want you to do in a situation because you know him. But you don't know what some stranger would want you to do, because you just don't know him personally.

Sal: O.K., enough! It's for me. What do I do? How do I get it?

Chris: Only ask.

Sal: That's all?

Chris: That's all.

Sal: No, that can't be. It's too simple, too easy. What's the catch?



Chris: No catch.

Sal: What are my chances?

Chris: Chances?

Sal: Of getting all these great things you described.

Chris: Oh, 100 percent.

Sal: Can you prove that?

Chris: I sure can. Read Luke 11.... Here it is. Don't believe me; believe Jesus. Here's what he says: "I say to you, ask and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

Sal: How can it be that simple? And how do you know that Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit in that passage?

Chris: He himself answers both of those questions in the next few verses: "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Sal: Just "those who ask"? That's all it says?

Chris: That's all.

Sal: It's just too good to be true.

Chris: If it isn't true, Jesus is a liar. Isn't that even harder to believe?

Sal: Of course, but maybe we're misinterpreting his words.

Chris: How much clearer and simpler could they be? In fact, it's *too* simple for you! That's your objection: "It just can't be that simple." But it is. Love is very simple-hearted. It just loves to give gifts, just because it's love. That's what God is: just love.

Sal: I think love just trapped me in a corner. And I don't want to escape. (This is the conclusion)

Mass Intentions

For the Week of
February 27 through March 6, 2021

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Emond, Sr., RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Michael Le, RIP
7:30 am: Alexander/Lauren/Emily/Elena Cheah, INT
9:00 a.m.: Jose Contreras, RIP
11:00 a.m.: Gerald Curland, RIP
1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Parishioners
5:00 p.m.: John Torres, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Raphael & Hermila Vidrio, RIP
*7:30 a.m.: McAllister Family, INT
8:00 a.m.: Geri Holman, B-day INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Dr. George Hugo, RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Michael Le, RIP
8:00 a.m.: Pacita M. Piol, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: McAllister Family, INT
*7:30 am: Josefina Banda, RIP
8:00 a.m.: Raphael & Hermila Vidrio, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: James Mizerski, RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Michael Le, RIP
8:00 a.m.: Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Lim Ah Wee, RIP
7:30 a.m.: Michael Anthony Odoneo, B-day INT
8:00 a.m.: Monica Grimm, B-day, Mary Rose Go & Patrick Rosales, INT

Saturday:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
8:00 a.m.: 1) Bryan & Julie Wu, INT
2) Margarita Cardenas, RIP

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel,
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LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday–
Saturday) and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
are both live streamed on Facebook
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STATIONS

Please join us every Friday evening of Lent at **7:00 p.m. in the church** for the STATIONS OF THE CROSS. This sacred tradition of meditating upon the events of Christ's suffering and passion is so important for getting closer to Our Lord.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The annual **SPRING CAMPAIGN** is taking place now through **March 28**. Join Vox Vitae in praying



a n d witnessing for life in front of at Planned Parenthood in Pasadena (1045 North Lake Avenue) on **Fridays (Noon to 5:00**

p.m.) and Saturdays (10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) For more info, email pgrimm@righttolifeleague.org or call (626) 398-6100 or go to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/pasadena> to sign up.

JOE CORONA'S FUNERAL

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Parishioner and Knight of Columbus Joe Corona (husband of Mary Corona).

His funeral service will be as follows:

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

- 11:30 a.m.: Viewing
- 12:30 p.m.: Rosary
- 1:00 p.m.: Mass

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WHY IS IT?



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