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Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars



Saint Therese Church

Established 1924

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Masses & Services:

Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am & 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
Warrior-Intercessors for Priests: Thursdays, 8:00 pm
St. Joseph Devotion: Wednesdays, 6:15-7:00 pm
Fatima Pilgrimage: 13th of the month (May-Oct.)

Sacramental Programs:

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Wed, 7:00 - 8:30 pm; and Sat., 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Baptism: Call 284-0020, ext. 225, to register
Marriage: Contact priest at least six months before date
RCIA (Sac. for adults) Rhonda Storey 284-0020, Ext. 225

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
Infertility Support Grp: Alison Contreras, 713-702-7232
King's Men: Sun. 6:30-8:30 pm, Rex Owens, 323-273-8825
Legion of Mary: Mon., 7:00 pm - Fr. David Guzman X 222
Natural Family Planning: Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906
Respect Life Ministry: Catherine Contreras, 213-435-3942
Rosary Makers: Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 pm
Edward William 768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com
St. Joseph Devotion Prayer Ministry: - Ed William 768-0758

Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (Ext. 226)

Associate Pastors: Fr. David Guzman, OCD (X222)
and Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (Ext. 232)

Associate Carmelite Friar: Fr. Jerome Lantry, OCD

Deacon Couple: Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (X333)

Vocations: Parish: Fr. David Guzman OCD (X 222)

Regional: 909-629-9495; Archdiocesan: 213-637-7515

Parish Secretary: Denise McMaster-Holguin (Ext. 223)

Finances/Donations: Noralyn Cailan (Ext. 228)

Christian Services: Bridie McDermott (Ext. 224)

Choir Directors/Organist:

George and Barbara Klump (818) 249-8472

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

Liturgical Coordinators:

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers of the Altar:

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)

* Pre K through 8th Grade * Adult Religious Ed

Youth Ministry: Adam Orozco, 284-0020, Ext. 235;

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Youth/Adult Confirmation Program:

Ruben Beltran, 284-0020, Ext. 235;

Email: rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

St. Therese Catholic School: 289-3364, Ext. 660

Principal: Carmela Lovano, E-mail:

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510 North El Molino Street . Alhambra, California 91801 . 282-2744 . FAX 282-7560 (Unless otherwise indicated, all telephone numbers in the bulletin are in the (626) area code.) **New Parishioners: WELCOME TO ST. THERESE!** Please come to the Parish office to register. **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



Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2013

The Lord secures justice and the rights
of all the oppressed. —Psalms 103:6

TODAY'S READINGS

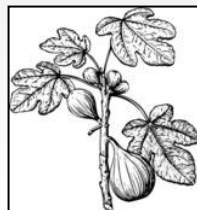
First Reading — “I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them” (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15)

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103)

Second Reading — Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12)

Gospel — I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it, that it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13:1-9).

REFLECTION: God is mercy. That seems to be the main message of the reading from Exodus. God has seen the suffering of the Israelites and promises mercy and rescue. From then on, God is to be known as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Paul calls his readers to continue to grow in the faith. The God who rescued Israel also rescues them. As beneficiaries of God's mercy, Christians must keep on working, doing their part to become ever more trusting and loving people of God. The Gospel's second section is a homey story about God's mercy. Against the advice of the land owner, the vinedresser pleads for mercy—and shows mercy—to allow the poor fig tree yet another year to become productive.

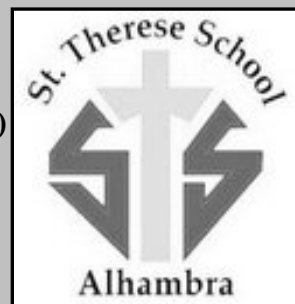


ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS!

St. Therese School would like to invite your child to experience a day with our students. Please call the school office for more details.

Please consider joining us for these upcoming events:

- 2013-2014 New Student Registration for TK - 7th Grade
- STS Fish & Chips Fundraiser at Hot Red Bus Restaurant on Main, Alh. (March 8, 1-8 pm)
- STS Frozen Yogurt Fundraiser at Menchie's on Main St., Alhambra (March 8, 1-8 pm)
- School Mass on **March 10 at 9:00 a.m.**
- Ongoing Collection of Non-Perishable Food for our Christian Services Pantry
- Ongoing Collection of Box Tops for Education
- Save the Date! Our STS Soiree & Silent Auction will be April 13, 2013



Please visit the school office to purchase retail gift cards and to purchase AVON! We also encourage you to visit the school offices or our website at 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

DETENTION MINISTRY CELEBRATES



JUVENILE JUSTICE WEEK OF FAITH & HEALING **March 4—10.** Please join us for our next meeting this **Monday, March 4,** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room, 2nd Floor. Come learn about this beautiful ministry of bringing Christ's love and mercy to youth incarcerated at Central Juvenile Hall. We will have teaching, testimonies, prayers, and a guest speaker (Cheryl Bonacci, Chaplain at Central Juvenile Hall-Eastlake), and Juvenile Justice Representatives.

Refreshments will be served. To RSVP and/or for more information, please contact Sonia Macias (sonia_macias@hotmail.com / 323- 724-6443) or Miriam López (mimilc@hotmail.com).

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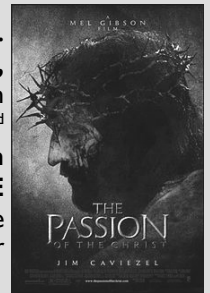
SOUP NIGHTS: Come join your parish family for some delicious soup, bread, and more, served in the Hall every Friday of Lent from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The next one is this **Friday, March 8 (sponsored by St. Therese School).** Free-will donations! The final two dates and sponsors are: **March 15:** Knights of Columbus; and **March 22:** Confirmation/Youth Ministry



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: The Stations are held each Friday during Lent at **7:00 p.m.,** beginning on the 15th. Take advantage of this chance to accompany Jesus during His Passion.

VIDEO NIGHT PRESENTS . . .

The next video night will be on **Saturday, March 9,** at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room of the Parish Center (2nd floor). We will be showing a **Lenten "must," THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST.** All are invited, but please be aware many images may be too intense for children.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY: **TODAY, Sunday, March 3,** is our annual Bundle Sunday. The collection truck will be parked in our lot from **8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Please place into it any useable items (clothes, shoes, small appliances, household items, linens, books, etc.) **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR DONATIONS ANYWHERE EXCEPT IN THE TRUCK!** For large items, including furniture and large appliances, call 323-224-6280 or 800-97-HELP-1 for a free pick-up at your home.

CATHOLIC TRADITION TALK: The next Catholic Tradition Talk will be **Friday, March 8, at the SPECIAL TIME of 8:00 p.m.,** in the Parish Meeting Room of the Parish Center (2nd floor). The topic will be the **"Tradition and History of Papal Selection."** Our speakers include an authority on Papal History. All are welcome!

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Come and join the women from St. Therese for the weekend of **March 15, 16 and 17.** The retreat is conducted by our Carmelite Friars in Redlands (Father Adam, Father Mark and Brother Jason). You will have a comfortable room with private bath, family style meals, and an atmosphere of peace and beauty. **The rates for the weekend are \$170.00 (shared room) and \$195.00 (single room).** **Bus transportation is provided. We do require \$50 check or money order** (made out to El Carmelo Retreat House) as a non-refundable deposit for your room. The Retreat also includes the sacraments, conferences, private consultations, etc. For reservations and/or more information, call Ernie O'Conner at 445-4333, Veronica Dy at 485-3567 or Louisa Day at (323) 722-9339. Brochures for reservations are in the Church vestibule.



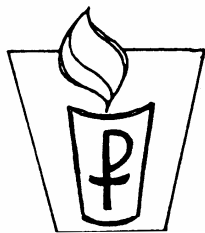
BIBLE STUDY: You may join our weekly Bible Study program at any time. We are now studying **"The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation,"** Jeff Cavins' 24-part Bible study. It began on Wednesday, January 30, and will continue to be held **most every Wednesday from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.,** in the Parish Meeting Room of the Parish Center (2nd Floor). This study will take you through the *entire* Bible, teaching you how events in the Old Testament are fulfilled in the New—giving you a greater appreciation for the Scriptures. For more information or to register, please contact Aurora Juarez at ajuarez@dwcpackaging.com or 688-9349.

Parish Ministries

ST. THERESE RELIGIOUS ED Rhonda Storey, 284-0020 X225; rhondalstorey@gmail.com— **STRE** (St. Therese Religious Education)

STRE The next classes will be on **Sunday, March 10, February 24, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon**, followed by attendance at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

RCIA



The next RCIA meeting is **Thursday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Parish Meeting Room; next group-attendance at Mass is **Sunday, March 17, at 11:00 a.m.**, with the Rite of Sending. Please contact Rhonda Storey for more info.

CONFIRMATION... Ruben Beltran, 284-0020 X235, rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com



...for Youth: Upcoming classes are **Sundays, March 3, 10 and 24**, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., which includes the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

...for Adults: All baptized Catholics who received First Communion but NOT the Sacrament of Confirmation, are invited to join the RCIA class (next is **Thursday, March 7**, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room).

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION YEAR-ONE STUDENTS: Please pray for them while they are on retreat at the St. Joseph Center.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Adam Orozco (email: Adam.o311@gmail.com)

BAPTISM MINISTRY: Rhonda Storey, 284-0020, X 225 ~ In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **PARENTS & GODPARENTS** are required to: 1) Have an interview the month before the Baptism; 2) Attend a class (next are **April 8 and May 6**—no classes or Baptisms in March; fee is **\$100 per child or \$25 for the class only**) from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Library); And 3) Attend a Presentation Sunday Mass (next open dates are **Apr. 14 and May 12**) at 9:00 a.m. Your child will then be baptized on a Saturday (next OPEN Baptisms are on **Apr. 20 and May 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.

PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY Edward William, 768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com (Prayer with Action: Strengthening of Families, Conversion of Sinners, and Peace in the World) - **St. Joseph Prayer Devotion:** Join us **Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.** by the St. Joseph statue in the church. **The Rosary Makers:** Help us make Rosaries in order to distribute them locally, nationally, and internationally. Don't know how to make a Rosary? We'll teach you! **We meet Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Meeting Room. **Donations to purchase Rosary supplies and shipping fees are always in need and appreciated** (make checks to St. Therese Church and mail to Rosary Makers, 510 N. El Molino St., Alhambra 91801. For more info, contact Edward William at tieknt@gmail.com.

THE KING'S MEN: Rex Owens, 323-273-8825 / owens.rex@aaa-calif.com ~ All men of the parish are invited to join **The King's Men**, a Catholic Men's formation group. Their goal is "to challenge and empower men to live virtuous lives, through education, formation, action, and healing." The group meets on **Sundays** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, contact the coordinator (number above) or see the national website at www.thekingsmen.org.

Jesus, open my eyes to your presence in the life of every child. Open my heart to joy in the birth of every child, births that reflect the joy of your own birth in Bethlehem. As you shared life in the womb of Mary, so now send your protection upon every child still in the womb, and grant to their mothers the strength and joy that comes from welcoming the gift of life. We pray through Christ our Lord, Amen.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY, "FOOT SOLDIERS FOR LIFE": Catherine Contreras, 213-435-3942 **40 Days for Life** is a focused ProLife effort that consists of 40 days of prayer and fasting, community outreach, and the holding of peaceful prayer vigils outside abortion (or Planned Parenthood) facilities. **As of February 18, 47 lives have been saved during the current 40 Days for Life.** Every life saved from abortion is due to two things: the grace of God and the faithfulness of His people. **You can help make a life-saving impact by joining a local vigil!** Call the office for the locations of the four centers in the area surrounding St. Therese Church.

Let's all Pray, Get Active, and Save some Lives!! Any questions, contact Catherine Contreras at (213) 435-3942.

The St. Therese Respect Life Ministry, "Foot Soldiers for Life," now has a new office in the Parish Rectory! You are invited to meet there to discuss how we can each help save the lives of God's most innocent and help those grieving from abortion.

Parish Ministries / News:

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



"Recognize in this bread what hung on the cross, and in this chalice what flowed from His side... whatever was in many and varied ways announced beforehand in the sacrifices of the Old Testament pertains to this one sacrifice which is revealed in the New Testament."

--St. Augustine

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

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN:

"DID YOU KNOW?" How is compliance with child



prevention efforts verified? While background checks and fingerprinting of all those who work with children in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are important, they are used in conjunction with abuse awareness and prevention training programs to help ensure that we create the safest possible parish and school environments for our children. An archdiocesan background-tracking information system, Volunteer and Personnel Information Network (VPIN), tracks assignment histories and compliance by employees and volunteers of fingerprinting, background checks and mandatory VIRTUS sexual abuse prevention training. VPIN allows parishes and schools to adapt features of the system to fit their local needs and it assists the archdiocese to complete its audit reports.

T H A N K Y O U !

FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Below are the totals for last weekend's collection and for the previous four weeks:

February 23 / 24, 2013

Unrestricted.....	\$10,348.00
Restricted	\$ 1,187.00
T O T A L.....	\$11,535.00

January 26/27, 2013.....	\$16,398.00
February 2/3, 2013.....	\$15,576.00
February 9/10, 2013.....	\$21,621.00
February 16/17, 2013.....	\$15,446.00

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

Love Never Fails

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2013:

The theme for the 2013 Together in Mission Appeal is **"LOVE NEVER FAILS"**—for which our assigned goal is \$64,563.00; pledge envelopes and informational brochures are in the pews.

LENTEN MEDITATION

God calls Moses by name, and so that Moses doesn't miss the meaning of this breakthrough in human history, God requires him to remove his sandals. If you've ever tried to maneuver barefoot across hot sand, or pick your way along a rocky beach, you know how sensitive feet can be.

Within the Church, there are religious orders with a custom of going barefoot, not merely to show poverty, but to be an outward sign of a desire for connection with creation, a desire to go through life alert to what God is doing. In early days, when reconciliation was a once-in-a-lifetime possibility, penitents often went barefoot for a long period of time as a sign of their conversion. Even today in certain countries, people follow an ancient practice of slipping off their shoes to walk in the procession to the cross on Good Friday. It is striking that the first use of our newly-scrubbed feet from Holy Thursday night is to walk resolutely in the footsteps of Christ to the cross.

NEW PHONE EXTENSION FOR FR. DAVID!

Fr. David's phone extension has been changed to **222!** To reach him directly (or any priest or staff member), call the parish office at 282-2744 and then enter his extension as soon as the phone is answered.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS:

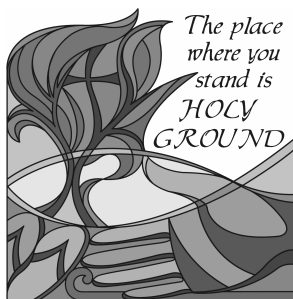
Easter Flower offering envelopes can be found in your February/March envelope sets and, for those who do not receive envelopes at home, on the tables near the church doors. Your donations will help our Altar Society to make the church beautiful for Easter Sunday! On the envelopes you may enter the names of those you would like remembered in a Memorial Mass, to be offered on Tuesday, April 9, at 8:00 a.m.



Mass Intentions For the Week of 3/2/13 to 3/9/13



...before going to bed on Saturday, March 9 (actual time change occurs at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 10).



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

Intentions of our Holy Father for March 2013:

1) That respect for nature may grow with the awareness that all creation is God's work entrusted to human responsibility; 2) That bishops, priests, and deacons may be tireless messengers of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.



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Lectors:

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Alice Cheung / Rebeca Willis

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Florence Goh / Aurora Dolores

9:00 a.m. Madelene Nguyen / Elena Muhr

11:00 a.m. Ignacio Verduzco / Marta Timar

5:00 p.m. Vickie Blair / Youth Lector

Floral Dedication



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

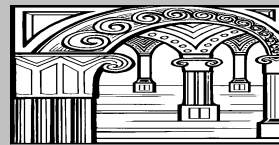
Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
+Diane Brown-Bartoli (former student/parishioner)

Personal Ads

Former female parishioner seeks to move back to Alhambra, SG, or South Pasadena. Nonsmoker, no pets, single, mature. **Can afford up to \$1000 for a 1-BR or single apartment.** Call 476-6055.

ROOM FOR RENT in Alhambra. Private bath, shared kitchen. Close to bus, store, market, park. \$900.00/month. Call Andrew at 248-6129.



Outside the Parish

NEW ROSARY WEBSITE, therosary3.com, takes you to a quiet place within; away from the noise and din of life, and all its distractions ... into the presence of God. Meditations, photos, and more!

PILGRIMAGE with Fr. David Guzman to Egypt and the Holy Land in April/May 2013. For more info and the full itinerary, contact JMJ Ministries at 520-573-0065 or visit www.jmjministries.org. You may also request an itinerary the parish offices.

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE TO WESTERN EUROPE (Carmelite and Marian Shrines) on **September 2-15, 2013, with our Pastor, Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD.** Will visit many sites in France (Paris, Lisieux, Lourdes); Spain (Avila, Segovia); and Portugal (Fatima). Cost is \$4,395. For more info, call Louisa & Jack Day at 323-722-9229 or 323-360-5186. Download an itinerary at www.syversentouring.com.

Have you dreamed of seeing wildlife in its native habitat? Do you desire to learn about new cultures? If so, this tour through Tanzania is the vacation for you. **Fr. Jan Lundberg** will be joining this safari in **Tanzania from Nov 4 to Nov, 13, 2013.** Cost including airfare & land tour is \$5,408 per person (double occu.). Daily Mass during the trip. If interested, contact Angela at Avenue of Travel at 394-4367 or aokyang@gmail.com.

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