

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASSES AND 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.

Confessions: Wed: 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Sat: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Daily Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass

Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

First Friday: Mass and Confessions: 7:30 p.m.



“How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,’ when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother’s eye” (Luke 6:42).

SACRAMENTS:

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

Weddings: Fill out an application (website or office) at least six months+ in advance

Holy Communion to the Sick:

Fred & Margaret Padilla, (626) 282-0943

Anointing of the Sick: Call the office to schedule an appointment.



SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL
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www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page or on the Church's website > Our School > Videos

NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME TO ST. THERESE! PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE OR IN THE PARISH OFFICE

The office is at 510 N. El Molino St., Alhambra. Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm... 2:00 to 5:00 pm... and 6:00 to 8:00 pm—closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm & 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open 24/7. An electronic key is needed from 5:00 pm to 6:00 am (available in the office for \$20).

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT ASH WEDNESDAY

by Jimmy Akin



It's that time of year! Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is THIS WEEK! If I may be permitted a personal observation, Ash Wednesday is spiritual marketing genius! Give away free stuff—on a limited time basis—and people will show up in droves! No wonder Mass attendance *soars* on Ash Wednesday, even though it's not a holyday of obligation. Here are some things you need to know about Ash Wednesday.

LENT ALSO MEANS... IT'S TIME FOR SOUP NIGHTS & STATIONS!

Join us in the Parish Hall every Friday in Lent between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m., followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. The dates are: March 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5 and 12.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS THIS WEEK!

- 1. What is Ash Wednesday?** Ash Wednesday is the day that Lent begins. The name comes from the fact that a particular rite is always celebrated on this Wednesday in which the faithful have ashes put on their foreheads. According to the Roman Missal, In the course of today's Mass, ashes are blessed and distributed. These are made from palm branches that were blessed the previous year [on Palm/Passion Sunday].
- 2. What does the putting on of ashes symbolize?** According to the Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy: In the Roman Rite, the beginning of the forty days of penance is marked with the austere symbol of ashes which are used in the Liturgy of Ash Wednesday. The use of ashes is a survival from an ancient rite according to which converted sinners submitted themselves to canonical penance. The act of putting on ashes symbolizes fragility and mortality, and the need to be redeemed by the mercy of God. Far from being a merely external act, the Church has retained the use of ashes to symbolize that attitude of internal penance to which all the baptized are called during Lent. The faithful who come to receive ashes should be assisted in perceiving the implicit internal significance of this act, which disposes them towards conversion and renewed Easter commitment.
- 3. How does the distribution of ashes take place?** The Roman Missal states that after the homily, the priest blesses the ashes and sprinkles them with holy water. Then the priest places the ashes on the forehead of all those present who come to him, and says to each one, "*Repent, and believe the Gospel,*" or a similar expression.
- 4. Can ashes be distributed outside of Mass?** The Roman Missal states: The blessing and distribution of ashes may take place outside Mass. However, if this is done, the rite is to be preceded by a Liturgy of the Word, with the Entrance Antiphon, the Collect, and the readings, just as at Mass. Then a homily would be given, followed by the blessing and distribution of ashes. The rite is concluded with the Universal Prayer, the Blessing, and the Dismissal of the Faithful.
- 5. Can someone other than a priest distribute the ashes?** Yes. The Book of Blessings states: This rite may be celebrated by a priest or deacon who may be assisted by lay ministers in the distribution of ashes. The blessing of the ashes, however, is reserved to a priest or deacon.
- 6. How long do you leave the ashes on?** The ashes are normally left on until they wear off naturally. Wearing one's ashes throughout the day on Ash Wednesday is an aid to help us remember why we received them in the first place, and it can be a good way to bear witness to our faith and to humble ourselves at the very beginning of Lent. There is, however, no Church law saying that they cannot be washed off if the individual chooses. In the same way, if your ashes naturally fall off, or if you accidentally rub them off, there is no need to be concerned. So, whether the mark of ashes on your forehead is visible or not, take time to remember what the ashes mean and celebrate the start of the high holy days in the Catholic Church.
- 7. Can ashes be distributed to the sick who cannot attend Mass?** Yes. The Book of Blessings states: This order [in the Book of Blessings] may also be used when ashes are brought to the sick. According to circumstances, the rite may be abbreviated by the minister. Nevertheless, at least one Scripture reading should be included in the service. If already-blessed ashes are brought to the sick, the blessing is omitted and the distribution takes place immediately after the homily. The homily should conclude by inviting the sick person to prepare himself or herself for the reception of the ashes.
- 8. Is Ash Wednesday a Holyday of Obligation?** No, there is no *obligation* to attend Mass, but you are encouraged to.
- 9. What ARE Catholics obligated to do on Ash Wednesday?** Far more important than receiving the ashes on one's forehead is observing the rules of **FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**. Ash Wednesday is a day of strict fasting and abstinence from all meat and food made with meat (every Friday in Lent is also a day of abstinence; as for Ash Wednesday, it is to be observed by every Catholic who is age 14 and over). On Ash Wednesday (and on Good Friday), Catholics (from ages 18 through 59) also fast, which is defined as eating only one full meal per day, along with two small snacks that don't add up to a full meal. Fasting is a way to unite us with Christ's ultimate sacrifice on the Cross. Fasting and abstaining from meat are the perfect ways to begin the celebration of Lent.

RESPECT LIFE (VOX VITAE)

The 40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN will take place from March 6 through April 14. During this Campaign, Vox Vitae will be at Planned Parenthood in Pasadena on Fridays (Noon-5 p.m.) and Saturdays (10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) All are welcome to pray there any day of the week or join us on the listed Fridays and Saturdays. We hope you can join us there and at our other events (see box).



UNPLANNED, THE MOVIE: Vox Vitae is organizing a screening of *Unplanned*,

the movie about Abby Johnson, former Director of Planned Parenthood and now ProLife active. This is a groundbreaking movie that will save lives! It exposes the deceptive practices of Planned Parenthood and its pro-abortion agenda. We encourage everyone to attend the screening (details to come soon!) or another screening near you. More information is available at VoxVitae.org.

- **THIS TUESDAY, March 5:** Mardi Gras Fun, 7:00-9:00 p.m., in the Guadalupe Courtyard and Avila Room, Parish Offices.
- **Wednesday, March 6:** First day of 40 Days for Life (prayer and fasting Vigil).
- **Thursday, March 7:** Protest PPLA Fundraiser at Barker Hangar in Santa Monica. Vox Vitae will leave St. Therese at 5:00 p.m. and return at 9:30 p.m.
- **Fridays, March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5:** 40 Days for Life, Prayer and witness at Planned Parenthood in Pasadena. Vox Vitae will be there praying from Noon-5 p.m. each of those dates.
- **Saturday, March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6:** 40 Days for Life, Prayer witness at PP Pasadena. Vox Vitae will be there praying from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. each of those dates.

For details or questions about any of the above, contact Catherine Contreras or Vox Vitae at (213) 395-8977.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS



Come and celebrate St. Patrick's Day! The Knights of Columbus would love to see you on **Saturday evening, March 16**, in the Parish Hall, starting at **6:00 p.m.** There will be plenty of food this year (we promise!), including corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, Irish stew, and soda bread! Don't miss it! All the details will be available in next weekend's bulletin.

WOMEN'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY PARISH MISSION



Please join us as we study the Gospel of St. Matthew this Lent. While we journey through reading about the life of Jesus, we will focus particularly on our own repentance and God's mercy. We'll be using the book, "Hosanna," by Elizabeth Foss (available on Amazon) and we'll meet in the Lisieux Room of the Parish Offices from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m., on the following six Thursdays: March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4 and 11.

For more details, email Micaela Darr at Micaela.darr@gmail.com or call or text her at 236-6147.

SAVE THE DATES!

Fr. Wolfgang Seitz, who was here in January, will return the week of March 17. Details will be available in next weekend's bulletin.



FR. JEROME APPEAL FOR THE NUNS

Next weekend, March 9 and 10, a special collection will be taken at all the Masses to help our **Cloistered Carmelite Nuns in the Carmel of St. Teresa**. This will help provide for their daily needs and the upkeep of the monastery.

The Carmelite Monastery was instrumental in St. Therese Parish being established in Alhambra, and there has always been a special closeness and loving support between the parish and the monastery. God bless and reward your generosity.



SCAM ALERT!

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS OF ST. THERESE CHURCH: Please be aware that someone is repeatedly trying to scam anyone whose name and email address appear in our bulletin and/or on our website. This person creates fake emails using the names of our priests, deacons, etc., and--pretending to be one of those persons--sends emails to unsuspecting volunteers, parishioners, and employees asking for "help". If a recipient responds, the scammer will reply that, because he is busy, he needs you to help him out by purchasing gift cards for sick persons, sending money, etc. PLEASE DO NOT BE TAKEN IN BY THIS PERSON! **None of our clergy or employees will EVER ask anyone to purchase gift cards or send money!**

Because it is so simple to set up a fake email using yahoo, gmail, etc., and because anyone can do it repeatedly, we cannot stop this person from creating and sending these scam emails. However, if anyone reading this is tech-savvy and would like to help us figure out where the IP address is originating, we would appreciate your help so that we can turn the information over to the police or other authorities. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

WOMEN'S RETREAT



Please join the women of St. Therese Church NEXT WEEKEND (March 8, 9, and 10), for a Silent Lenten Retreat led by our Carmelite Friars and Brothers at beautiful El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands. The retreat theme will be *"Be Holy As I Am Holy: How to Become A Saint in Today's World"* (1 Pet 1:16).

A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required in advance to reserve your room. Charter Bus Transportation is included in the fee! Applications / Schedules can be found in the church vestibule and entrances.

Single Occupancy is \$200; Double Occupancy is \$175 per person. Mail your \$50 deposit to the Retreat Captain listed on the application. To **RSVP**, contact one of the Retreat Captains: Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186; Martha Traeger at 260-4843; or Claudia Rivera at 639-7758.



Saint Therese Carmelite School

www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

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

"God would never inspire me with desires which cannot be realized; so in spite of my littleness, I can hope to be a saint." ~St. Therese

- March 5th (Tuesday): Student Confessions at Noon
- March 6th (Wednesday): Ash Wednesday Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- March 8th (Friday): Mass at 8:00 a.m.; Stations of the Cross at 12:30 p.m.
- March 9th (Saturday): 1st Reconciliation for STCS Students Preparing for 1st Communion at 10:00 a.m.
- March 10th (Sunday): Family Mass at 9:00 a.m.



Please pray for our STCS students as they prepare for their Lenten sacrifices.

(289-3364 or admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com)

Perpetual Adoration

"May Mary, who in the freedom of her 'Fiat' and her presence at the foot of the



Cross, offered to the world, Jesus, the Liberator, help us to find Him in the Sacrament of the altar".

-Pope St. John Paul II

The Adoration Chapel is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You must get an electronic key for \$20 from the office in order to use the chapel between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. as it is locked for security purposes.

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 is March 9 / 10).



February 23 / 24, 2019

Unrestricted.....\$19,167.00

Restricted \$ 3,604.00

T O T A L \$22,771.00

January 26 / 27.....\$10,502.00

February 2 / 3.....\$18,711.00

February 9 / 10..... \$17,308.00

February 16 / 17.....\$18,507.00

Check Users:

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

Ongoing Parish Meetings / Events

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

CATHOLIC KARATE is for boys, girls, and men from 7 to 55. Learn self-defense, increased self-control, confidence. Held in the Hall on **THURSDAYS** (7 to 17 from 5:15 to 5:55 p.m.; 18-55 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.). Youth, \$9/week; 18+, \$10/week (discounts for additional youths). For questions, contact John at SenseiJohnWrot@gmail.com.

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 already 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).

"FORMED" CATHOLIC MEDIA is available for FREE to ALL our parishioners! Discover all the best Catholic content in one place: movies, talks, audio dramas, and a great selection of popular e-books. To register, go to FORMED.ORG on our website, click on the icon, enter your name, email address, a password, and your zip code--and get started!

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 **Wednesdays, March 13 and 27**.

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).

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: For info on Church teaches about openness to life, contact Jack & Katrina Crow at 292-1906 or katrina.fcp@gmail.com. Introductory sessions to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System/NaproTechnology are normally on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact them to register for the classes.

RISE MEN'S MINISTRY: All men who have made the challenge at www.MenRiseUp.org are encouraged to join us on Saturday mornings for the Rosary at 6:45 a.m., followed by a video and discussion from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. For questions, contact Andy Acosta at 703-8939 or A.Acosta2046@gmail.com.

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

Week of March 2 through March 9, 2019

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Telliana Lau, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 am: Ataracin Pablo, RIP

7:30 a.m.: William Wasson, RIP

9:00 a.m.: John Holtzinger, Sr., RIP

11:00 a.m.: Parishioners

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Rogie & Pacita Primavera, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Darey, Penny, Tristan, & Zarah Huo, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Pilar, Luis, Emeterio & Luis II Palmarez, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Rosario, Ramon, Rico, and Pedro Leyritana, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Josie Castaneda, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Monica Grimm, INT

ASH WEDNESDAY:

6:00 a.m.: Msgr. Ramon Pamplona & Fr. Roy Panes, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Pilar Melecio & Ruben Fernandez, RIP

10:00 a.m.: Nene Roxas, Fernando/Isagani Lopez, Sr., RIP

7:30 p.m.: David Vasquez, Sr., RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. John Michael Payne, OCD, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Jose Antonio Santestevan, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Mary Brigg, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Vilma Gargano, RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Margaret McCall, RIP

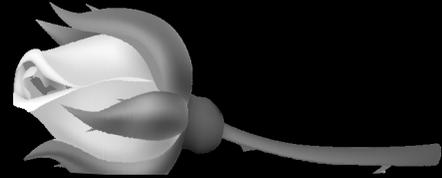
*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Lim Ah Wee, RIP

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road. Open to the public every day except Sundays/holidays.

This week's dedication is:

† In Loving Memory of
Gilbert Holman



To arrange for a floral dedication (in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones), call Giovanna at 281-9049. Prices start at \$90 for two arrangements.

Outside the Parish

TEEN / YOUNG ADULT PURITY BANQUET (parents encouraged to attend) on Sat., March 9, from 6 to 11 pm, at Knott's Berry Farm Hotel (\$32 per person or \$300 for a table of 10). Enjoy Knott's Famous Chicken Dinner; hear keynote speaker, Timmerie Millington; make a purity promise; receive a blessing with the relic of St. Maria Goretti. Dancing follows until 11 p.m. Buy tickets at LARespectLife.com. For questions, call Jerry Trost at (562) 201-5559 or Bill Scianni at (562) 360-0566.

Pasadena City College's Music Director Bethany Pflueger conducts Pasadena Community Orchestra in its third FREE concert of the season on **Friday, March 15, at 8 pm**, at First Church of the Nazarene, 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena. The concert will feature Beethoven's celebrated Symphony No. 5, Neruda's Trumpet Concerto, featuring soloist Cameron Ghahremani, and Boulanger's D'un Matin de printemps. Seating is comfortable (and wheelchair safe), and parking is free. For further information, please call 445-6708 or see PCO's website at www.pcomusic.org.

Lectors

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Rebeca Willis / Larry Dumont

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Rex Owens / Thu Nguyen

9:00 a.m. Rosa Natividad / Ron Sandoval

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

5:00 p.m. Heinrich Ranches / Ian Ranches

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

† Gilbert Holman
(Father of Nancy Holman)

† Richard Stewart
(Father of Drs. John & James Stewart)