

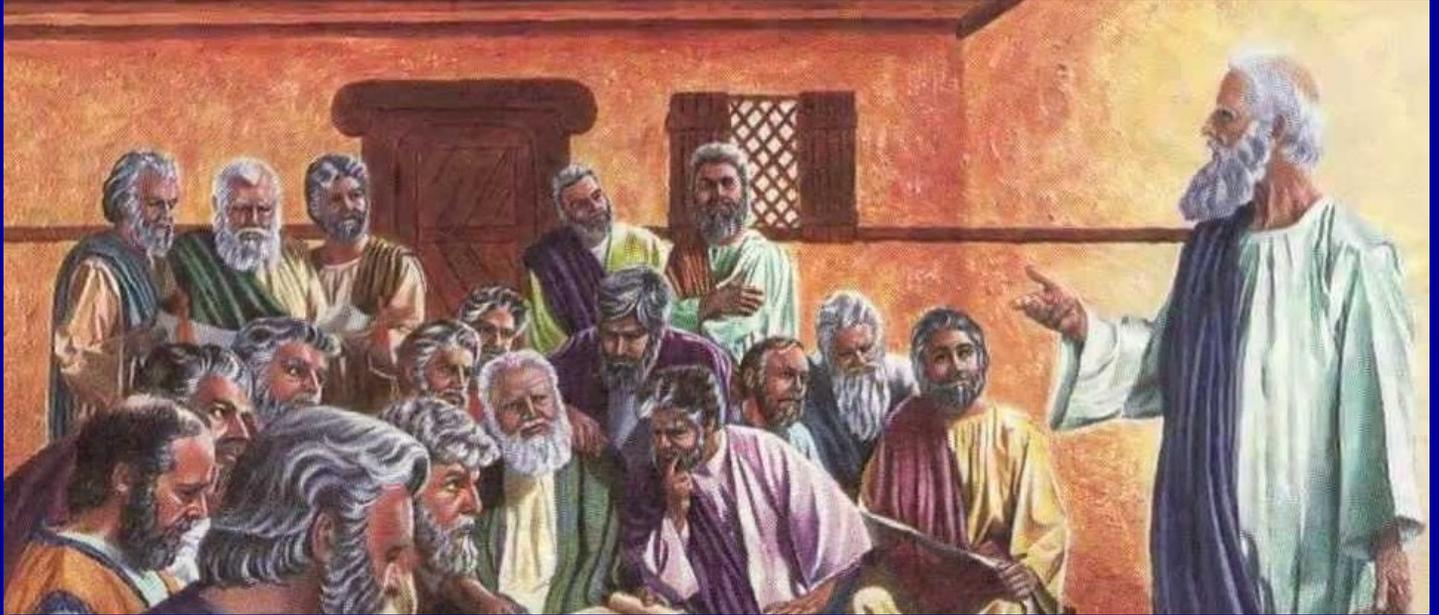
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From there (Paul and Barnabus) sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the Church together and reported what God had done with them and how He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles (Acts 14:26-27).

MASSES | CONFESSIONS

Masses—Saturday: 8:00 a.m. & Vigil at 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 Masses: 6:00 and 8:00 a.m.

(the daily 8:00 a.m., the Sunday 11:00 a.m., and the weekday 7:00 p.m. Masses are **LIVE STREAMED** on Facebook AND YouTube);

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

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First Friday Mass: 7:00 p.m.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

I don't get tired of saying the above words, and I hope you aren't getting tired of hearing them, because if Jesus really is risen and alive forever and ever, never to die again, and we are in Him forever by our Baptism, then that is the greatest news ever, no?!! And our Good Shepherd really does call us by name. Someone told me after the Sunday Vigil Mass last week, "Father, I heard my Heavenly Father say my name! It was wonderful and I will never forget it!!!" Yes, when the Father or Jesus or the Spirit calls us by



name, it affirms us and fills us in a way that no one else can. So, let us ask right now: "Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, and you, Mother Mary, in this week of Mother's Day, please call me by name." We all need to hear both our earthly father and our earthly mother call us by our name, and so, too, with our invisible Father and Mother. Try hearing Them, especially after receiving Holy Communion this week, or in the quiet of your prayer room/corner at home. Without that deep regular affirmation, we won't have the strength to put today's Gospel into practice: "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

And the Lord Jesus doesn't expect us to do it by buckling down and trying hard. He wants it to flow from our Baptismal identity. That is why a little later in this same section of the Last Supper Discourse with His disciples, He says first, "These words I have spoken to you, that My Joy may be in you, and your Joy may be complete." Only then does He say, "This is My commandment: love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:10-11). What does that love look like? Maybe this week the Lord Jesus and His Mom want to send you to say hello to someone at the grocery store or in line somewhere who has some noticeable suffering going on, and you could ask the person if he/she would like some prayer for a minute and you could pray with that person for even 30 seconds in the Name of Jesus. You never know how Jesus may want to help the person, right? And no prayer is ever wasted....and maybe you will see a response from the person that helps you to FEEL that CHRIST REALLY IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!!!

Here is more of the reflection on Heaven (taken from *Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Heaven...But Never Dreamed of Asking* by Peter Kreeft [First Edition, pp. 49–52] published by Ignatius Press:

What Will We Do in Heaven? The basic idea for my answer to that question comes from Richard Purtill's book, *Thinking about Religion*. In chapter 10 ("Life after Death: What Might It Be Like?"), he postulates three human tasks in Heaven, in this order: 1) understanding our earthly life "by God light," 2) sharing all other human lives, and 3) exploration into God. First, we review our past life with divine understanding and appreciation of every single experience, good and evil; we milk all our meaning dry. Then we do the same to others' lives from within. We know them more intimately and completely than we could ever know our most intimate friend on earth because we share God's knowledge of each one. When these two preliminary lessons are complete—when we know, love, understand, and appreciate completely by inner experience everything we have and everyone else has ever experienced—only then are we spiritually mature enough to begin the endless and endlessly fascinating task of exploring, learning, and loving the facets of infinity, the inexhaustible nature of God.

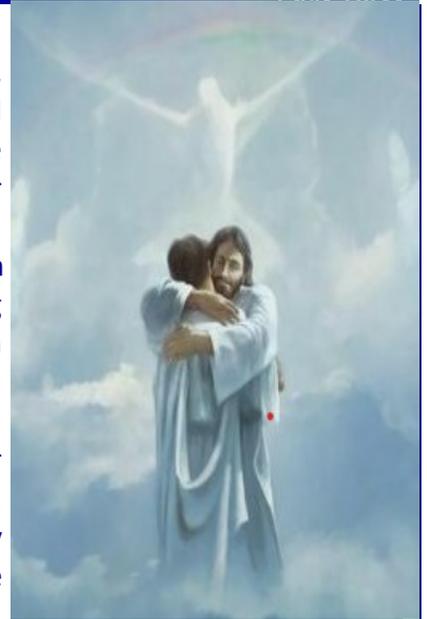
The idea is not new, for it corresponds to three traditional doctrines: Purgatory, the Communion of Saints, and the Beatific Vision. But each is given new life by being related to the others in this sequence.

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Purgatory turns out to be part of Heaven rather than a distinct place, and consists of moral reeducation rather than mere punishment, rehabilitation rather than retribution. The Communion of Saints is rescued from a vague, philanthropic goodwill and made as interesting as human love and communion on earth; getting to know people is in one way or another the only thing we find inexhaustible here as well as there.

Finally, the contemplation of God is not boring because it is done with souls matured by the first two tasks. The difference that this maturing makes is as great as the difference between a dying saint and a newborn baby. The Beatific Vision is also not boring because it is dynamic rather than static, exploring rather than staring at God, endless beginnings rather than merely the end. The more we think about it, the more inevitable and proper the idea seems to be. Yet I have not seen it explicitly anywhere else in print; nor has Purtil. This chapter explores some of its details: 1) the psychology of Heaven, 2) the physics of Heaven, 3) the history of Heaven, and 4) the epistemology of Heaven, and 5) the ethics of Heaven.

The Psychology of Heaven—The Need for the Three Stages: The reason we need Heaven in the first place is to complete ourselves and the task we began on earth. No one dies finished. There is never enough time to do and to be all that we can do and be, even all that we should. Our lives are incomplete in all three of their essential relationships: 1) to ourselves, 2) to others, and 3) to God. It seems necessary to take them in this order. For we must first know ourselves before we can even know who it is that knows others; and only after purgatorial purification of our attitudes are we mature enough to understand others adequately. And we must learn to love the human images in ourselves and others before we can love their divine Model: “for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.”



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

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—The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns’ Auxiliary

YOUTH EVENT!

All Youth (Middle School and High School) and their families are invited to join us **THIS Friday, May 20**, for this event.

It will begin at **5:30 p.m.** in the Church with Adoration, followed by a Pizza Social in the Hall, and then a **concert at 7:30 p.m.**, with the Music Artists **THE DRIVE** and **COMMUNION**.

We hope to see many of you there!



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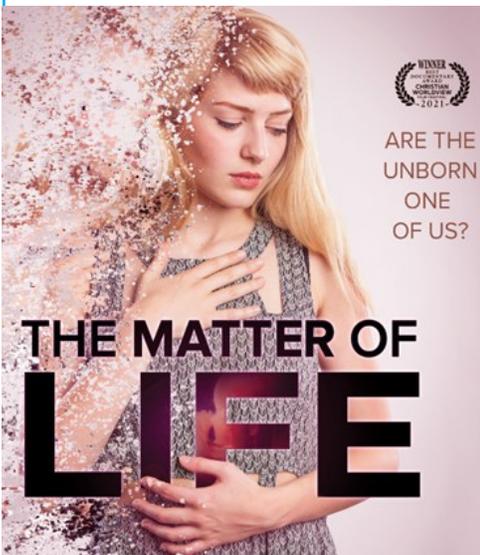
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5:30- 9 P.M

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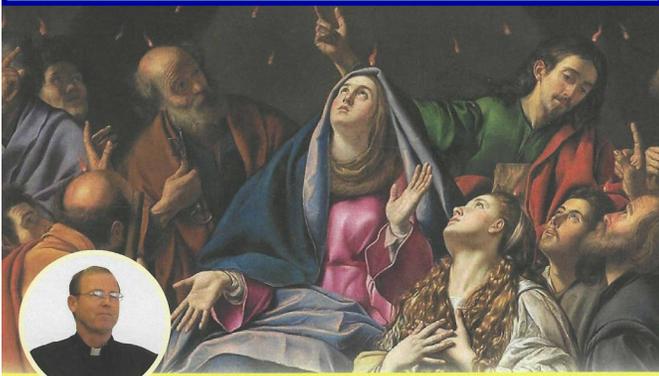


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- AMC Santa Anita 16, 400 South Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia



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Acts of the Apostles

FR. ED BROOM, OMV, will give the third of four classes (first was May 5) **THIS THURSDAY, MAY 19,** and concluding on Thursday, **May 26.**

Fr. Broom will first celebrate **Mass at 6:00 p.m.,** followed by his talk at **7:10 p.m.**



Not the Easy Way for Jesus

Today's first and second readings seem to contradict each other. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas remind the other disciples that they would "undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). But in the second reading from Revelation, John says there will be "no more . . . mourning, wailing or pain" (Revelation 21:4). These two sides of the Kingdom show how real our faith is. Life is frequently contradictory. A woman in labor moves from pain to joy in seconds after her child is born. She doesn't forget the pain, but knows it is necessary for the joy of new birth. Only the artist knows how much effort and pain went into the creation of a painting, sculpture, or symphony.



That's why Jesus in the Gospel talks of His coming death on the Cross as the way that God will glorify Him. **Even God does not do things the easy way.** Jesus didn't send a stunt man to take His place on the Cross. The cushy jobs went to the angels who announced the birth of the Savior (Luke 1:26-32) or told the women at the tomb that He was risen (Luke 24:4-7). It was God who was born in poverty, in a time of high infant mortality (even higher when Herod tried to kill the Child). It was God who suffered, from the Agony in the Garden through the Crucifixion.

So, when Jesus tells us to love one another as He has loved us, He knows what it cost. And He also knew that His death on the Cross would be the beginning of a way of love that will eventually lead to "no more death or mourning, wailing, or pain." We're not there yet, but we know we are not alone in our suffering for "God Himself will always be with them" (Revelation 21:3).

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you for giving from your heart! Below you will find the total collection for last weekend, as well as for the previous four weekends. Note: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH for our School.



May 7 / 8, 2022		April 9/10	\$19,007.00
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T O T A L.....	\$26,907.00	April 30/May 1	\$13,234.00

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Baby Bottle Drive / Baby Shower



GPS-Guadalupe Pregnancy Services asks for your help for their annual Baby Bottle Drive & Baby Shower Outreach. Baby bottles were distributed last weekend and **will be collected on Saturday and Sunday, May 21st and 22nd**. GPS volunteers will be outside the church after each of these weekend Masses to collect the baby bottles. Please fill yours with coins, bills, or checks (like a piggy bank) and bring it back when you come to Mass next weekend.

BRAND NEW BABY SHOWER GIFTS: If you have donations of baby items (blankets, diapers sized from newborn to 5 & 6, sippy cups, baby bottles, pacifiers, bibs, socks, teething toys, hard cover books, new clothes sized newborn to size 3T for boys/girls, toiletries; shampoo, lotion, powder, etc., and other baby essentials) or **ESSENTIALS FOR MOMS** (feminine hygiene products, gently used or new maternity clothes, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.), **you may drop them off at the office through next week.** Thank you for participating in this important ProLife Outreach!

Fasting from the Wound of Worry

PAUSE TO HEAR GOD SPEAK:

"So humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time. Cast all your worries upon Him because He cares for you."

-1 Peter 5:6-7

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." -Philippians 4:6-7

"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."

-Padre Pio

Today, I choose to fast from the wound of worry. Imagine yourself sitting in a rocking chair, going back and forth as quickly as you can. It 's just about a perfect picture of worry-lots of motion that goes nowhere. The motion that we experience in worry can be summed up by the question "What if?": "What if my car doesn't start?" "What if I mess up?" "What if nobody loves me?" Worry is a self-inflicted torment where we think about every possible negative outcome. A base- ball player who thinks about striking out with bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth inning will not hit many game-winning home runs. He focuses so much on the negative that he is not free to go for it. When we worry, we wear ourselves out physically, emotionally, and spiritually. If you are anxious or uneasy and find yourself dwelling on trouble, worry is working in your life. Whether you realize it or not, you are building a mountain of negative "what ifs" and then pointing at that mountain as proof that there is no hope. As we continue today, let's reflect on ways in which we can come out of worry.

Take time to ask yourself . . .

- What do I worry about?
- Why do I seem to dwell on the negative possibilities?



Pray slowly... Heavenly Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I renounce worry and repent all the ways in which I have sinned because of it, particularly the ways in which I have focused on negative things. I reject worry in every area of my life. I renounce any lies that I have come to believe, and I renounce any companion emotions such as disappointment and hopelessness. Send your Holy Spirit to transform my heart and mind, giving me supernatural hope. Amen.

The above is taken from the book, *Lenten Healing*, by Ken Kniepmann—available for sale in the parish office.

Mass Intentions

May 14 to May 21, 2022

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Mother's Day Novena 6

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Alice Uy and Bob Bitler, INT

9:00 a.m.: Rose M. Sciaraffa, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Marietta Okamoto, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Mother's Day Novena 7

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 8

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Floro Laput, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Sr. Teresa, OCD, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Teddy Yang, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Leonila Mondragon, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Mother's Day Novena 9

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Christina & Nicolas Yang, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: McAllister Family, INT

7:00 p.m.: Sr. Teresa, OCD, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Mary Cassidy, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Jessica Arakawa, Birthday INT

8:00 a.m.: Guadalupe Hernandez, Birthday, INT

7:00 p.m.: John Li, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Ellena Cheah Wong, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Gloria Doria, RIP

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Anni Liza Jimenez, RIP

*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel,
215 East Alhambra Road,
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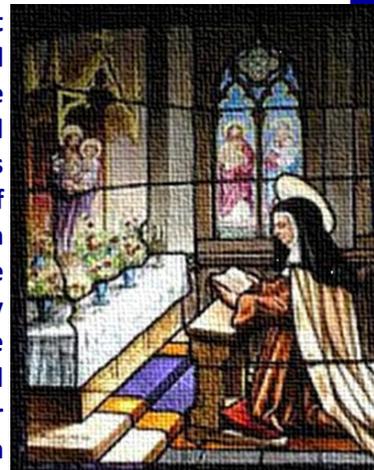
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Quiet Listening Prayer

From *THE INTERIOR CASTLE*
by St. Teresa of Jesus (of Avila)

Let us suppose that these senses and faculties (for I have already mentioned that these powers are the people of this castle,[3] which is the image I have taken for my explanation) have gone outside and have walked for days and years with



strangers -- enemies of the well-being of the castle. Having seen their perdition they've already begun to approach the castle even though they may not manage to remain inside because the habit of doing so is difficult to acquire. But still they are not traitors, and they walk in the environs of the castle. Once the great King, who is in the center dwelling place of this castle, sees their good will, He desires in His wonderful mercy to bring them back to Him. Like a good shepherd, with a whistle so gentle that even they themselves almost fail to hear it, He makes them recognize His voice and stops them from going so far astray so that they will return to their dwelling place. And this shepherd's whistle has such power that they abandon the exterior things in which they were estranged from Him and enter the castle (Mansion IV, Chapter 3, No. 2).

Outside the Parish

Carmelite Pilgrimage with FR. RAYMOND BUENO, OCD, to the Marian Shrines of Wisconsin on October 5-12. \$3,295 (double room occupancy) includes round-trip non-stop AA flights from LAX, land travel by deluxe coach, 3*/4* hotels with private bath/daily breakfast/dinner, all touring, daily Mass. \$200 Early bird Discount by May 15th. Add \$450 for single room occupancy. For details, call Louisa & Jack Day at (323) 360-5186 or (323) 403-8768

14-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land (September 28 to October 11, 2022, led by Fr. Darrin Merlino, CMF, for \$4,989). For more information, contact Parishioners Albert and Mary Helen Estrada at (626) 285-6687 or remembertoatl@sbcglobal.net.

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