

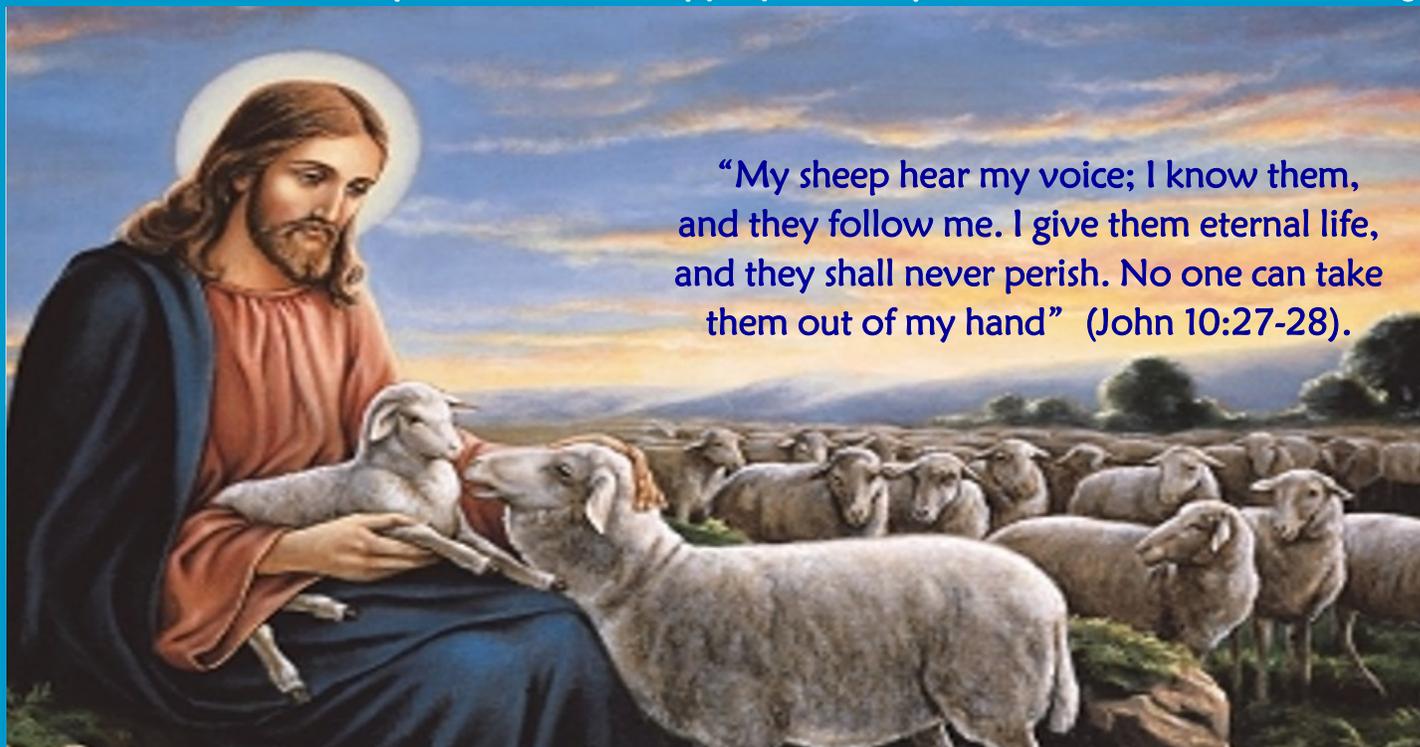
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“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand” (John 10:27-28).

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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

Masses on Monday, *Tuesday (*Spanish), Wednesday & Thursday EVENINGS at 7:00 p.m.

First Friday Mass: 7:00 p.m.

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Carmelite Nuns: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

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- **Weddings:** Register online at least six months in advance
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Call the office

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Christ is Risen!

Blessed Easter Week Four and Good Shepherd Sunday and Happy Mother's Day!!! Since last week's bulletin didn't come out (except the online version) due to printing issues, I would like once again to congratulate all the First Communion children for receiving Jesus sacramentally for the first time! And thank you to all of our catechists and family members of the children—especially you mothers!!!—for helping to prepare them! Also, please keep praying for our Supreme Court Justices as they prepare their brief for what hopefully will be the decision that overturns *Roe vs Wade* after 49 years, and for our beloved State of California as the battle for the culture of life intensifies right here at home. And let us all help each other in the battle for our baptismal identity as beloved royal daughters and sons of our Heavenly Father. The Good Shepherd, Jesus, calls each one of us by name, to a vocation in His Church as a married person, consecrated single person, religious, and/or priest. All of our ministry, all that we do, flows from that loving call from Him!!! Spending time with Him is the foundation of all of our doing good deeds in Him.



To continue our meditation on the Heavenly Life that began when Jesus rose from the dead, here are some more thoughts (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):

"Why Won't We Be Bored in Heaven?" Because we are with God, and God is infinite. We never come to the end of exploring Him. He is new every day. Because we are with God, and God is eternal, time does not pass (a condition for boredom); it just is. All time is present in eternity, as all the events of the plot are present in an author's mind. There is no waiting because we are with God, and God is Love. Even on earth, the only people who are never bored are lovers.

"What Will We Do in Heaven?" This is probably the first question most people ask about Heaven. But it shouldn't be. What we do is not as important as what we are. Our functionalistic modern society tends to reduce our being to our function. What is the first question we ask about someone? "What does he do?" But love never asks that question first. The first question for love is always "Who are you?" rather than "What do you do?" Being is prior to doing, and love's realism refuses to reverse that real order. This is primordially true of Primordial Love: We are apt to think that God only wants actions of a particular kind, whereas He is most interested in people of a particular sort. Nevertheless, though the question, "What do you do?," is not primary, it is important. First, because what we do flows from and reveals what we are; second, because what we do also flows into what we are and helps construct ourselves. Third,



creative work is a primary human need, and our conventional pictures of Heaven are boring partly because they do not fulfill this need. Playing harps and polishing halos is an obviously bad answer to a good question. A second answer, the more philosophical alternative of an eternity of abstract contemplation of changeless truth, moves only philosophers (and even among them, only the minority). The third answer, a biblical answer, is that the enjoyment of God is true but must be fleshed out by the imagination. The mere words "the enjoyment of God" make sense only to those who already enjoy God; the vast majority of us seem to enjoy the vast majority of things vastly more than we enjoy God. (In fact, it is only God in these things that we enjoy, but we do not recognize that.) We may even fear Heaven, consciously or unconsciously, because we fear boredom. Then death is truly terrible, for it offers only the two hellish alternatives of boredom or agony. Earth seems much more interesting than Heaven because there seems to be nothing to do in Heaven. What work needs to be done in a world of eternal perfection? Yet how can we be happy without creative work?

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

Happy Mother's Day!

**"She is clothed with strength and dignity, and laughs at the days to come.
She opens her mouth in wisdom; kindly instruction is on her tongue."
~Proverbs 31:25-26**

**We wish all of our mothers a very happy and blessed Mother's Day!
Thank you for all you do! May God send you many blessings!**



Consider giving your Mom a gift you can't put a price on . . . Enrollment in our annual Mother's Day Novena of Masses. You can find the cards and offering envelopes on the tables by the doors.

Thank You on Behalf of the Carmelite Nuns!

Dear Parishioners, Thank you for your generosity to our Carmelite Nuns through your donations made to the recent Father Jerome Appeal. So far, we have raised over \$22,000! You can still make a gift to them by putting a donation in any envelope marked "Carmelite Nuns" and either dropping it in the collection or bringing it to the parish office (we have a mail slot to the right of the door) or to the Nuns' Monastery.

—The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary



YOUTH EVENT!

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

It will **begin at 6:00 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 Artist *COMMUNION*.

We hope to see many of you there!



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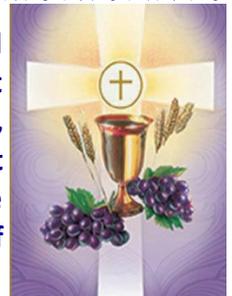
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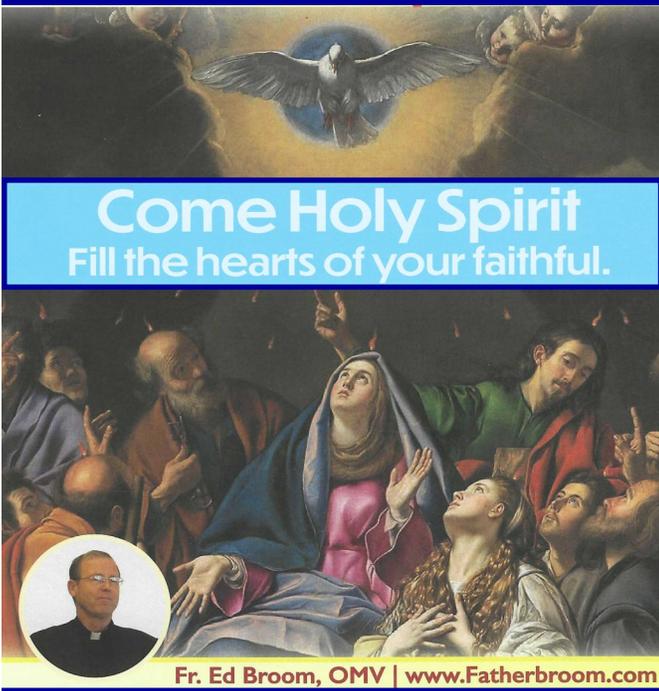
On Saturday, May 14th, at 6:30 p.m., in the Avila Room of the Parish Office Building (510 N El Molino Street), there will be a meeting of the Lay Professionals. All are invited.

Congratulations! FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS

Congratulations to all the First Holy Communicants—and their families—who “approached the foot of the cross” at the communion rail and received the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, at last Sunday’s Masses (May 1st, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker). Please join us in praying this prayer for all of them:



Beloved Sweet Jesus, present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, you have left us the manifestation of your Divine, eternal love for each one of us. Thank you for giving us your eternal loving presence in the Holy Eucharist; most especially for the children who received you for the first time. May your Eucharistic presence keep them and their families ever free from sin, fortified in faith, pervaded by love for you and neighbor, and fruitful in virtue. May we continue to receive you throughout our lives and attain final union with you when you call us to our eternal rest. Amen.



Acts of the Apostles



FR. ED BROOM, OMV, will give the second of four classes (first was May 5) **THIS THURSDAY, MAY 12**, and continuing on Thursdays, **May 19 & 26**.

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

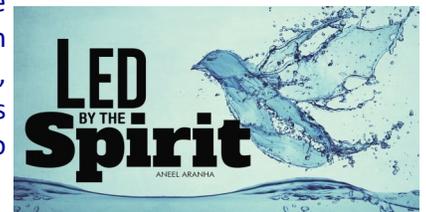
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Know That the Spirit Leads You

Last week we saw how the disciples rejoiced to suffer for their faith. This week we see them turn away from their persecutors and begin preaching to the Gentiles. Even though they are thrown out of town, they are still filled with joy (Acts 13:50-52). What I find interesting is that the disciples' joy comes from their failure to convert the Jewish leaders in Antioch. If those Jews had become believers and had not rejected Paul and Barnabas, the disciples probably would never have thought to preach to non-Jews about Jesus.

I think that failure to convert their own people allowed them to see how God's power was working for them. That's why their joy was so great. They were not just congratulating themselves on how well they were preaching. No, they saw how God was doing the real work. And that took the pressure off them. They could stop worrying about every word of their preaching or being afraid that someone might make fun of them. ("Isn't that Saul, who used to persecute Jesus' followers? He's got a lot of nerve thinking he could now be one of them.") **None of that mattered, because they knew that the Spirit was leading them.** They knew they were in God's hands, as we heard in the Gospel (John 10:28).

Can we be like those disciples? Instead of getting angry at frustrations, can we see them as opportunities to experience God's grace? Do we let our failures get us down or do we let God bring us through them, teaching us to rely on the Lord? Of course, the disciples didn't go around looking for ways to suffer. But they did look for ways to share their great news that Jesus is risen from the dead. Let us ask the Lord to send us the Spirit to show us how we can spread that same news.



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.



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Baby Bottle Drive / Baby Shower



GPS-Guadalupe Pregnancy Services asks for your help for their annual Mother's Day Baby Bottle Drive & Baby Shower Outreach.

Baby Bottle Distribution: THIS WEEKEND, Saturday and Sunday, *May 7th and 8th; Baby Bottle Collection: Saturday and Sunday, *May 21st and 22nd

*GPS volunteers will be outside the church after each of these weekend Masses to distribute/collect the baby bottles. Fill your baby bottle with coins, bills, or checks (like a piggy bank) and bring it back when you come to Mass on the collection day.

BRAND NEW BABY SHOWER GIFTS for baby and moms are also greatly needed. We will have a Pac n' Play crib out on Mother's Day weekend to collect your 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). You are welcome to also bring **ESSENTIALS FOR MOMS**: feminine hygiene products, gently used or new maternity clothes, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. **Thank your for participating in this important ProLife Outreach!**

Fasting from the Wound of Disappointment

PAUSE TO HEAR GOD SPEAK:

"Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress. Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly. For my days vanish like smoke; my bones burn away as in a furnace.

My heart is withered, dried up like grass."

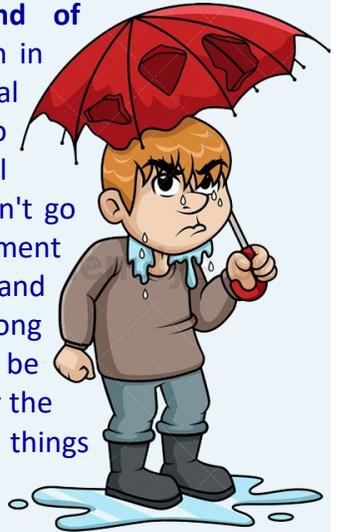
-Psalm 102:2-5

"The LORD is close to the brokenhearted, saves those whose spirit is crushed. Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him from them all."

-Psalm 34:19-20

Today, I choose to fast from the wound of disappointment. Each of us has been let down in life. Maybe it's been with a job, a personal relationship or something we hoped to accomplish. Disappointment is a natural emotional reaction to the things in life that don't go the way we hoped. But when disappointment becomes a way of thinking, it moves inside us and becomes personal. If you expect things to go wrong or to not work out, disappointment may be working in your life. Maybe you secretly wait for the other shoe to drop, or regularly think that good things are too good to last. Disappointment like this becomes a self-inflicted wound.

Disappointment can also occur when we attach unrealistic expectations to a goal, believing that everything will be perfect when we reach it. Even when we attain the goal, it can't be as perfect as we imagined it. So, we feel disappointed. Let's put disappointment in its place and get it out of the areas of our lives where it doesn't belong.



**Take time to ask yourself . . . What in my life has been a disappointment?
How do I deal with disappointment?**

Pray slowly... Heavenly Father, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I renounce disappointment and repent all the ways in which I have sinned because of it, particularly the ways in which I have given up. I reject every form of disappointment in my life. I renounce any lies that I have come to believe, including lies such as, "I'll never have what I want." I renounce any companion emotions such as discouragement and worry. 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 7 to May 14, 2022

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Santos Valiente, RIP

Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Therese Hong Nguyen, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Alicia Maria Ortega, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Basilio Aquino, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Sr. Teresa, OCD, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 1

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

8:00 a.m.: Carmina & Julius Anniv INT

7:00 p.m.: Alicia Maria Guadalupe Ortega, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 2

*7:30 a.m.: Julia Munoz, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Fe Ocampo, INT

7:00 p.m.: Martita Lopez, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Kim Ki Chul, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 3

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

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Florence Goh, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Letty Sebastian, INT

8:00 a.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Mother's Day Novena 4

First Friday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Hermine Tittmann, RIP

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Virgilio Odonon, INT

*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel,
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Alhambra, California.

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public every day **except Sundays.**

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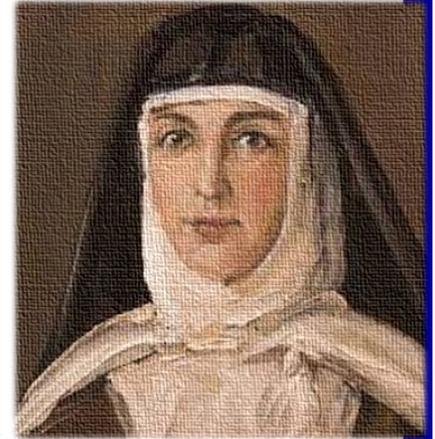
The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the 7:00 p.m. weekday Masses are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube (for those unable to attend due to illness, etc.). Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

Quiet Listening Prayer

From *THE WAY OF PERFECTION*

by St. Teresa of Jesus (of Avila)

Do you think
this Heavenly
Food fails to
provide
sustenance,
even for these
bodies, that it is
not a great
medicine even
for bodily ills? I
know that it is. I
know a person
with serious



illnesses, who often experiences great pain, who through this Bread had them taken away as though by a gesture of the hand and was made completely well. This is a common experience, and the illnesses are very recognizable, for I don't think they could be feigned. And because the wonders this Most Sacred Bread effects in those who worthily receive it are well known, I will not mention many that could be mentioned regarding this person I've spoken of. I was able to know of her, and I know that this is no lie. But the Lord had given her such living faith that when she heard some persons saying they would have liked to have lived at the time Christ our Good Lord walked in the world, she used to laugh to herself. She wondered what more they wanted since in the most Blessed Sacrament they had Him just as truly present as He was then (Chapter 34, Number 6).

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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