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As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to Him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest His head" (Lk 9:57-58).



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

Masses on Monday, *Tuesday (*Spanish),

Wednesday & Thursday EVENINGS at 7:00 p.m.

First Friday Mass: 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS (OUTSIDE)-Wednesdays from 8:00

to 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m.

and Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

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

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- **Baptisms:** Register online
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- **Anointing of the Sick:** Call the office

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Blessed 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time. I trust that—with the help of last weekend's Eucharist Miracles exhibit—we are all moved to greater thanksgiving and awe and devotion for the Real and True Presence of Jesus in Holy Communion. To refresh your memory, here is a summary of one of the miracles, at Lanciano, Italy:



In the 8th century, a priest—after pronouncing the words of consecration—had a strong temptation to doubt the Real Presence of Jesus. Before the startled priest's eyes, the Sacred Host visibly changed into a circle of flesh. The consecrated Wine was transformed into bright red Blood, coagulating into five small clots, different in form and size. Four authentications have been performed throughout the centuries, but the last verification, ordered by the Holy See in 1970, is the most scientifically complete. Microscopic studies document that:

- The Flesh is real human flesh and the Blood is real human blood.
- The Flesh is composed of cardiac muscular tissue, having no trace whatsoever of any materials or agents used for the preservation of flesh.
- Both the Flesh and Blood belong to the same blood type: AB.
- The proteins in the Blood are in the same proportions as those found in normal, fresh blood.

**"My Flesh and My Blood":
"Amen, Amen, I say to you:
except you eat the Flesh of the
Son of Man, and drink His
Blood, you shall not have life in
you. He who eats my Flesh
and drinks my Blood has
everlasting life, and I will
raise him up on the last day."
- John 6:53-54**

This ongoing miracle is visible even to this day, after more than 1,200 years of existence. The Host-Flesh appears rose-colored when backlit. The color of the five clots of coagulated blood is a brownish-red hue, tending toward yellow.



Eucharistic Prayers Taught by the Angel at Fatima, Portugal, in 1916:

"My God, I believe, I adore, I trust, and I love you! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not trust, and do not love you."

"O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore you profoundly. I offer you the most Precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners."

Holy Communion with the Real, True Jesus—the same Person Who, two thousand years ago, was walking around with His disciples for three years—keeps us grounded in our relationship and union with Him, our identity in Him. So, too, do the four Gospels, and so, today once again, we hear Jesus emphasizing the all-important response to His invitation to follow Him, to surrender our lives to Him rather than putting it off and relying on ourselves. He is saying in effect, "Don't worry about all these things you think you still need to take care of before committing to a friendship with Me. I will take care of all that you need and all that you think you need. Just come and join Me and My Great Adventure, and you will gain much more than you are giving up. Trust Me. Will you trust Me???"

As a litmus test for how deeply we are rooted in our identity in Him (rather than our identity from others), here are a few Scripture quotes (if they really resonate with you, that's a good sign!): "I am a child of God" (John 1:12); "I am Christ's friend" (John 15:15); "I have been justified" (Romans 5:1); "I am united with the Lord, and I am one with Him in spirit" (1 Corinthians 6:17); "I have been bought with a price. I belong to God" (1 Corinthians 6:20); "I am a member of Christ's Body" (1 Corinthians 12:27); "I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit" (Ephesians 2:18); "I am free from condemnation" (Romans 8:1-2); "I am assured all things work together for good..." (Romans 8:28); "I cannot be separated from the love of God" (Romans 8:35-39); "I have been established, anointed, and sealed by God" (2 Corinthians 1:21-22); "I am a citizen of Heaven" (Philippians 3:20); "I am hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3); "I have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7); "I am the salt and the light of the earth" (Matthew 5:13-14); "I am a branch of the true vine, a channel of Christ's life" (John 15:1); "I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit" (John 15:16); "I am God's temple" (1 Corinthians 3:16); "I am a minister of reconciliation for God" (2 Corinthians 5:17-21); "I am God's coworker" (2 Corinthians 6:1); "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). -In Him, Fr. Thomas Koller OCD



Called for A Special Purpose

We return to Ordinary Time this Sunday, and with this new season we focus on what it means to be a person who is called by God for some definite purpose. Elisha recognized God's call in Elijah's greeting and prepared immediately to follow. The people who came to Jesus seemed ready to follow, yet each had reasons to linger behind. As people who are given the freedom to follow or to stay behind, we must ask ourselves what we are ready to do for the sake of Christ and the call of the Gospel. What are you called to do at this time in your life? Are you prepared to leave behind the things that get in the way of living as a Christian?

What does it mean to follow Jesus? The Gospels show us that Jesus called each person individually, recognizing the things that stood in the way for each. He looked into the person's heart and saw the true desires of the person standing before Him. Each of us experiences Christ's call uniquely as the persons we are. For some, following requires us to take stock of our lives and let go of the obstacles that keep us from the way of true discipleship. For others, the call may lead us to deepen the way that faith directs our lives, with more intentional time in prayer, regular participation in Mass, renewed attention to family, involvement in our parish, or new acts of service.

It is easy to say we want to follow Jesus, yet most of us feel competing desires that stand in the way of discipleship. We may be distracted by the constant swirl of activity so prevalent in our surrounding culture; we might be lured by worldly wealth and the status that often accompanies it; we may simply be comfortable with the way things are and find it difficult to risk changing anything. In today's Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that we must stop putting off making the changes that will bring us closer to Him and to God's way of life. We must trust in the Lord, knowing that what He most deeply desires is that we be close to Him. If you encountered Jesus today and said you were ready to follow Him, what would He see in your heart, what obstacles or hesitations would He perceive? Go to Jesus in prayer this day. Listen to Him say, "Follow me." Prayerfully place your life in the Lord's hands and be ready to follow.



A Unique Vision of Freedom



St. Paul has a unique vision of freedom. We often think that freedom means I can do what I want without interference from an outside source, such as a bureaucracy or a dictator. For most Americans, it means being able to take care of myself and my family, hopefully without having to pay too much in taxes. We usually associate that with the "pursuit of happiness" without thinking too much about what happiness is. What makes Paul's idea unique is that his vision of happiness means serving one another in love. For Paul, freedom is not so much being free from oppression as being free to love and serve those around us.

What would stop us from loving others? It could be fear: "I'm not sure I would be able to do any good. I'm afraid of going into a bad neighborhood to help the homeless. I fear that if I were more generous to the poor (church, Red Cross, life issues, etc.), I would not have enough for my family." Or it could be attachment to possessions or even to our family—the man in the Gospel wasn't free to follow Jesus because he thought it meant leaving his family behind.

Paul talks about another kind of freedom when he says that following the Spirit means freedom from the Law (Galatians 5:18). He was not talking about ignoring the speed limit or pirating DVDs. He meant people who were obsessed with keeping all the laws and customs that were part of the Jewish tradition. It would be like someone who goes to Mass on Sunday only because he doesn't want to break a Church law, or someone who drives the speed limit only because he doesn't want to pay a fine. Taken to an extreme, you would have to memorize every law on the books to be sure you did not break one. The freedom of the Spirit is a life lived out of love. A person would go to Mass out of love for God; a driver would obey the speed limit to protect other drivers. As long as we love one another, we wouldn't have to worry about breaking the law, for God's laws are all examples of how to love one another.

HAVE YOU BEEN CALLED TO SERVE...



...As an USHER at our Masses OR as an EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION to the sick? If you would like to be a part of these ministries, or would first like to receive more information, please leave a message for Deacon Gil Vargas at (626) 282-2744, ext. 1 + 333.



NEW PLAYGROUND

After 96 years, a playground is coming to St. Therese! Parishioner Mary Helen Estrada is spearheading a campaign to erect a small playground outside the Parish Hall. We are asking for your prayers for this special project. **The Committee is also looking for help with fundraisers, raffle items, and donations.**

For more information, please contact Vikki Ng at (626) 825-0741. Thank you for your generous support of our endeavor!



the gospel of
Luke
Following Jesus

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.

NOTICE: Due to the bulletin editor having being on a Holy Land pilgrimage, the totals for June 11/12 and 18/19 will be published—along with the totals from this weekend—in the bulletin of July 3, 2022.

May 14/15	\$ 9,330.00
May 21/22	\$16,498.00
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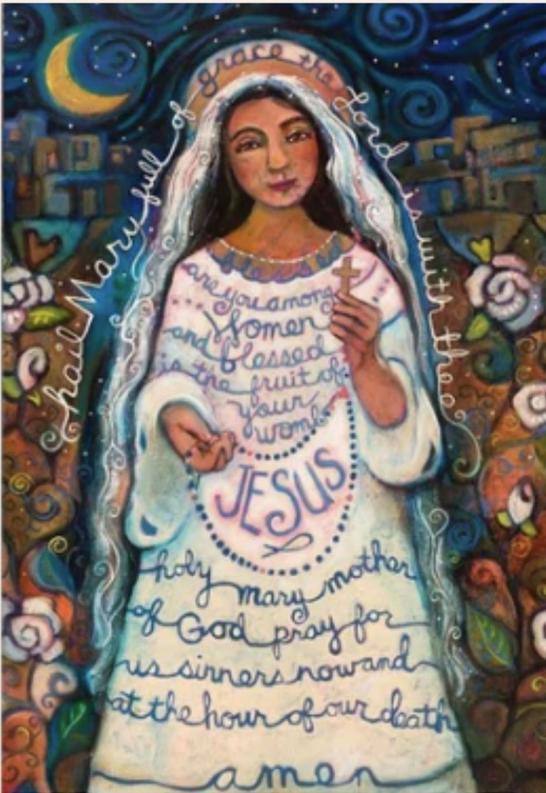
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A Spiritual Bouquet to Our Lady

On May 7, we started our Five First Saturdays Devotion here to honor Our Lady's request at Fatima. Over 150 people have signed up and made the commitment to offer a Spiritual Bouquet to her! **Our next First Saturday will be July 2. Please join us for the 8:00 a.m. Mass, followed by the Rosary and 15 minutes of meditation.** It is never too late to join this program as our First Saturday devotion is ongoing. If you want to sign up, or have any questions, please contact Maria Alejandra at (626) 993-4236.



The following is taken from Guido Del Rose's Article, "Fatima: The Five Sins":



The third sin of five is blasphemies against Our Lady's Divine Maternity and Her Spiritual Motherhood of All Mankind. This vicious assault, the third sin, would not only rob the Virgin of her Divine and Mystical Child, it would also deny her right to spiritual maternity over all mankind. It would nullify her just claim to enlist her offspring as agents of her Divine Spouse in fulfilling His plan of saving the elect. St. Maximilian Kolbe, the Franciscan priest killed at Auschwitz, expounded clearly this unfathomable oneness between the Holy Spirit and the Virgin of Nazareth. He said: "So, while their union is not of the same order as the hypostatic union linking the human and the divine natures in Christ, it remains true to say that Mary's action is the very action of the Holy Spirit. For Mary as the Spouse of the Holy Spirit is raised to such a height of perfection above all creatures that she accomplishes in everything the will of the Holy Spirit Who dwelt in her from the first instant of her conception." Thus, the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, through His holy Spouse, could conceive, give birth to, nurture, prepare, and offer up as a sacrifice [in the past, present, and future]

both the Divine Child as Head and the elect as members of the Mystical Body of Christ to gain redemption and salvation. The Sacrifice of Calvary, by being renewed and re-enacted daily on the altars of the world, merits the redemptive graces which the Holy Spirit can then apply in and through the agency of His Spouse. It is truly the work of the Sanctifier, accomplished in and through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is her sacred mission for which the Holy Spirit stands as Sponsor.

Our Lady at Fatima specifically requested: "Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners, so many souls go to Hell because there is no one to pray and to make sacrifices for them. " The situation since 1917 has not improved. So, it is most surely an even more urgent plea. Satan wants to abolish the belief that the faithful each day, through the re-enactment of Calvary at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, can offer themselves as victims also, thus imitating in some way that Redemptive Sacrifice. Since the graces bestowed each day depend to a high degree upon the disposition of the recipients, then this belief is vital to the eternal destiny of mankind.

Mass Intentions

June 25 to July 2, 2022

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Fathers Day Novena 6

Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 7

9:00 a.m.: Peter & Moira Kretschmer, 1st Anniv

11:00 a.m.: Natalie Grimm, 13th B-day INT

1:00 p.m.: Vincent Kouns, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

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

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

8:00 a.m.: Kayla & Mike Murphy, Anniv INT

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

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: John Li, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Virgilio & Martita Lopez, 69th Anniv

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

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Chun Tsai Yang, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Pedro Jose Lacayo, RIP

7:00 p.m.: James Joseph Corcoran, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: John Li, RIP

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

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

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

First Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Molly Lynch, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Chun Tsai Yang, RIP

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

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Proceso Maramag, RIP

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

The Carmel Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays.

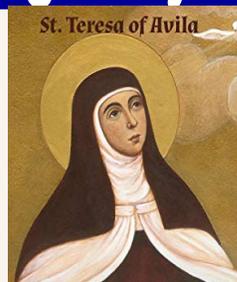
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The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the 7:00 p.m. weekday Masses are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube (for those unable to attend due to illness, etc.). Links to those two sites are on our website's home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

Quiet Listening Prayer

From *THE WAY OF PERFECTION*

by St. Teresa of Avila



If it pains you to not see Him with your bodily eyes, consider that seeing Him so is not fitting for us. To see Him in His glorified state is different from seeing Him as He was when He walked through this world. On account of our natural weakness, there is no person capable of enduring such a glorious sight, nor would anyone in the world want to continue in it. In seeing this Eternal Truth, one would see that all the things we pay attention to here below are lies and jokes. And in beholding such great Majesty, how would a little sinner like myself who has so much offended Him remain so close to Him? Beneath that Bread He is easy to deal with. If an earthly king were disguised, it wouldn't matter to us at all if we conversed with him without so many gestures of awe and respect. It seems he would be obliged to put up with this lack since he is the one who disguised himself. Who would otherwise dare approach our Lord so unworthily, with so much lukewarmness, and with so many imperfections! (Chapter 34, No. 9).

Personal Ads

Seeking SPANISH-SPEAKING NANNY to take care of twin baby girls (3 1/2 months old). If you can help, call Ernesto at (818) 356-6298 or Viji at (562) 464-7466.

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, CME, 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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