

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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## 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 8:00 a.m. daily and the Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Masses are LIVE STREAMED on our Facebook

page AND on our YouTube channel).

**Masses on Monday, \*Tuesday (in \*Spanish)**

**and Thursday EVENINGS:** 7:00 p.m.

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**CONFESSIONS (OUTSIDE)** Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. and Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.



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

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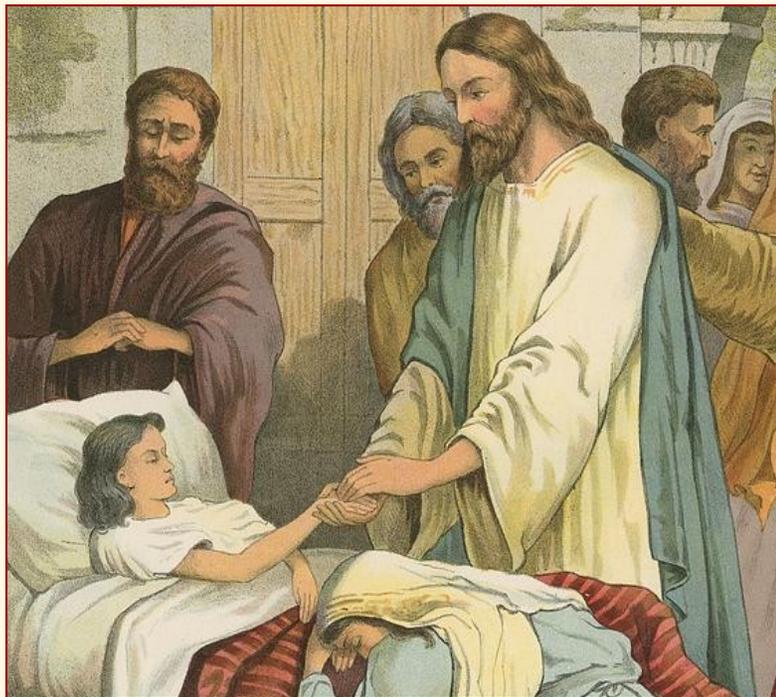


While He was still speaking, people from the official's house arrived and said, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?" Jesus said, "Do not be afraid; have faith." When they arrived at the house, He caught sight of people wailing loudly. He went in and said, "Why this weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." He took the child by the hand and said, "*Talitha kum,*" which means, "Little girl, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. He gave strict orders that no one should know about this and that she should be given something to eat.—Mark 5:35-43



# PASTOR'S MESSAGE

**"High" in the Holy Spirit (and in the Father and Jesus), everyone!**



By the time you read this, the Encounter Conference will have come and gone, but the fruits of the Conference will just be starting—even for those who weren't able to go for whatever reason. Let us all be on the lookout for further healing in the days, weeks, and months ahead—physical, emotional, and psychological healing...the mind, soul, and spirit all healing together, any and all of it. Remember... "a slow cure is the best cure" (St. Francis de Sales). And yes, as some people correctly warn, we don't want to be engaged in healing ministry—whether giving or receiving—for the sake of a "quick fix". It's all for the sake of helping everyone toward a deeper, more trusting relationship with Jesus, the Healer of soul and body.

Last week the apostles were terrified and accusing Him of not caring as the storm threatened to swamp their boat. This week people are grieving because a young family member is dying. In both cases, they think if they can just get Him to help them get what they want, they will be happy. What if they focused not on having what they want (a peaceful sea, a peaceful, disease-free body), but on wanting what they already have: Jesus, Who is already with them and calms both sea and dying bodies?

Just in case there might be some intellectual obstacles to this new life in the Spirit flowing from our Baptism and Confirmation and our regular reception of Holy Communion, **here is some Church history about the gifts of the Holy Spirit** (from *The Spiritual Gifts Handbook* [pp 80-83]—available for sale in our office):

**Gifts in the Age of the Church Fathers:** Preaching the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit continued during the first several centuries of the Church. During this time, Christians were in a vulnerable situation. Christianity was not legally recognized in the Roman Empire, and there were frequent outbreaks of violent persecution. Becoming a believer in Christ could cost you social ostracism, mockery, loss of employment, torture or death. And yet, it is estimated that during this same period the Church grew at the staggering rate of about 40 percent per decade. By the middle of the fourth century, nearly half the population of the Roman Empire had joined the once-despised community of believers in Jesus. What explains such explosive growth?

There was a combination of factors, all of them bearing the imprint of the Holy Spirit. People could see that the Christians truly loved one another. There was peace, harmony and mutual respect in their families; they did not treat women as property or expose unwanted babies to die (the ancient world's equivalent of abortion). If there was a plague in a city, the Christians cared for victims rather than fleeing for their lives like everyone else. They preached the Gospel boldly and faced martyrdom joyfully. The God they preached, the one Creator of all, was a God of steadfast love, not of cruelty and fickle passions like the pagan gods. The Lord they preached, Jesus, was a Savior who had laid down His life for us and had conquered sin and death.

And besides all this, the Christians backed up their message of the Good News with demonstrations of the Holy Spirit's power, healing the sick and casting out demons. It is hard to exaggerate the impact of these manifestations of God's love on the ancient pagan world. The Kingdom of God was visibly breaking in on a culture that had been mired in moral and spiritual darkness. The sun of justice was rising with its healing rays (cf. Malachi 4:2). It is no wonder that people were flocking to join the Church of Jesus, the Divine Physician. (cont. next page)

**Extraordinary works through ordinary Christians:** St. Irenaeus of Lyon (c. AD 115-202) was a third-generation Christian who as a boy had learned the Gospel from St. Polycarp, who in turn heard it from the apostle John. Irenaeus attests to the widespread use of supernatural gifts in his time: “Those who are truly the Lord's disciples... perform miracles in His name for the well-being of others, according to the gift that each one has received from Him. For some truly drive out devils, so that those who have been cleansed from evil spirits frequently believe and join the Church. Others have foreknowledge of things to come: they see visions and utter prophecies. Still others heal the sick by laying their hands on them, and they are made whole. Yes, moreover, the dead have even been raised up, and remained among us for many years. And what more shall I say? It is not possible to name the number of the gifts that the Church throughout the whole world has received from God, in the name of Jesus Christ who was crucified under Pontius Pilate, and which she exercises day by day for the benefit of the Gentiles.”

Irenaeus takes for granted that the use of such supernatural gifts was not rare and extraordinary, but part of the ordinary life of the Church. As Irenaeus points out, being delivered from evil spirits was a motivating factor for many people to become Christian. Because the ancient Roman Empire was filled with demon-afflicted people, the casting out of demons was one of the gifts most in demand—as it is once again today. The Christians' ability to liberate such people was so well-known that a prominent philosopher like St. Justin Martyr (c. AD 100-165) could use it as an argument for the truth of the Gospel. He wrote to the Senate of Rome: “Jesus was born by the will of God the Father for the salvation of believers and the destruction of demons. And now you can learn this by what you see with your own eyes. For throughout the whole world and in your city there are many demoniacs whom all the other exorcists, sorcerers and magicians could not heal, but whom our Christians have healed and do heal, disabling and casting out the demons who possessed them in the name of Jesus Christ who was crucified under Pontius Pilate.”

Christians clearly had an authority over evil spirits that other exorcists sought but could not attain, because the authority came from Christ alone. Another early writer, Origen, noted that it was usually the most ordinary Christians who expelled demons—to the greater humiliation of the demons!: “For the most part, it is uneducated persons who perform this work, thus making manifest the grace that is in the word of Christ and the despicable weakness of demons, which, in order to be overcome and be driven out of the bodies and souls of men, do not require the power and wisdom of those who are mighty in argument or most learned in matters of faith.” The simplicity of those who carried out this ministry showed all the more clearly that the credit belonged to Christ alone.

**Stirring up expectancy:** In the early Church, the typical context in which a Christian began to manifest the gifts of the Spirit was baptism. Preparing for baptism was a process that sometimes took as long as two or three years. During that time, the catechumens (people preparing for baptism) were taught Christian doctrine and were encouraged to look forward to their baptism with great expectancy. Since many were coming out of a life of pagan idolatry and immorality, they were undergoing a profound conversion. In the meantime, they were experiencing the love, acceptance, and support of the Christian community, which for many was a radically new experience. All this preparation culminated in a powerful experience at the Easter liturgy, in which they were immersed in the baptismal waters, received the laying on of hands and/or an anointing with sacred oil for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and were allowed for the first time to participate in the Eucharist.

**P.S.:** We also have the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul this Tuesday, June 29. Isn't it great how Jesus chooses His two princes for preaching His Gospel of forgiveness of sins by **first** having them experience in their own lives how much **THEY** need to be forgiven?!? (St. Peter denied Jesus three times; St. Paul hunted Him down in the person of His disciples, all the way to Damascus!) **-Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD**

# Liturgical Guidelines from the LA Archdiocese



## Effective June 15, 2021

Over the last fifteen months, in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, we have adapted the ways we lived our lives, as well as the ways we worshiped as a Church. As certain restrictions are lifted and parishes more fully reopen, our priority, as it has been throughout this pandemic, is our need to care for and protect one another. All parishes and Pastors are

# LITURGICAL GUIDELINES

to implement the new guidelines with prudence, using sensible public health precautions, and with the safety and wellbeing of their parishioners in mind. These new guidelines, **effective June 15, 2021**, replace all previous guidelines established by the Archdiocese.

### General Considerations for Liturgical Celebrations and Religious Services

- All liturgical celebrations are allowed to take place indoors without capacity limitations, social distancing, and/or prearranged “reservation” systems.
- Parishes can hold prayer group meetings, ministerial and social gatherings—observing sensible precautions.
- **All liturgical ministers**—Altar Servers (vested), Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (if needed), Ministers of Hospitality—**may exercise their ministries as usual in the celebration of the liturgy.**
- **Masks are not required for fully vaccinated individuals outdoors or indoors for religious services. Masks are required for unvaccinated individuals outdoors when social distancing is not possible, and at all times indoors. Parishes are not to verify who is and who is not vaccinated.**
- For now, **masks and social distancing are still required for employees and volunteers assisting at Mass.**
- Entry health screenings can be done **through self-attestation** without the need for an employee or volunteer.
- Hand sanitation must be available for all visitors. This could range from antibacterial gel at the doors or wash stations in restrooms. **The use of hand sanitizer is not required for entry into buildings.**
- Parishes are not required to sanitize after each liturgy or service but should observe precautions.
- Liturgical singing can take place.
- Hymnals, missalettes, and worship aids may be placed in the pews or distributed for use by the faithful.
- For now, Holy Communion will be offered **in the form of bread only. Communion on the hand is strongly encouraged, but you may still receive on the tongue.** The Ministers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are encouraged to sanitize their hands before distributing Communion and after Communion has concluded.
- Liturgical processions may resume before, during, and after Masses.
- Water in the baptismal font and holy water fonts should be refreshed frequently.

### Baptisms/Confirmations

- The water used for the Rite of Baptism is not to be reused. Blessed water is to be disposed of properly after the Baptism is finished.
- The minister, being sensible with hand washing and public health precautions, may administer the Holy Oils appropriate to each Rite in the usual manner.

### Anointing of the Sick/Holy Communion to the Homebound

- As an important part of ministry, Priests are to attend to the needs of those who ask for the Anointing of the Sick.
- Lay ministers attending to the needs of the sick or homebound are to observe all sensible public health precautions. If in a hospital, follow the directions of the medical personnel before entering and upon leaving the room of the patient. For home visits, this includes but may not be limited to hand washing before and after the visit, and wearing a facemask.
- The Priest may administer the Oil of the Sick in the usual manner.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may be utilized to fulfill requests of bringing Holy Communion to the homebound. **It is highly recommended that they be fully vaccinated against the coronavirus.**
- It is **not necessary for the recipient** of Homebound Ministry to be fully vaccinated.

# VOX VITAE PRO-LIFE CAMP

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### PROGRAM

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# FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES



If your child (in First Grade+) has been baptized but has not yet received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, and you’d like to enroll him or her in our preparation classes, please contact Denise Lopez at [deniselopez7@gmail.com](mailto:deniselopez7@gmail.com).



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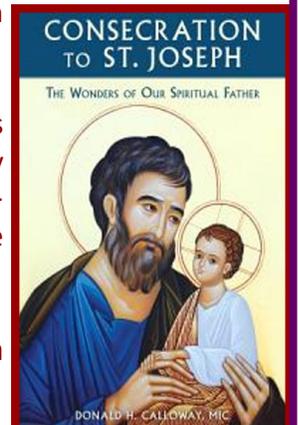
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# CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

The next consecration to St. Joseph will be on Friday, **July 16**, the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Until then, those wishing to prepare themselves to be consecrated to St. Joseph should meet at your choice of either **12 Noon or 6:00 p.m.** We will meet both times each Wednesday through July 14.

The book we use to prepare is *Consecration to St. Joseph* by Father Donald Calloway—available for purchase in the office for \$15 each.

For any questions, call Maria Alejandra at 993-4236.



# VESPERS SERVICE & CONCERT



The Avila Group invites you to join them for a **Vespers Service** and a **concert TONIGHT, SATURDAY, JUNE 26**. Here is the schedule:

- 4:30 p.m.: Vespers in the church
- 5:00 p.m.: Mass
- 6:30 p.m.: Concert featuring **JESSICA GERHARDT**  
(held in the Guadalupe Courtyard)



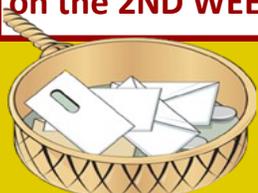
Jessica Gerhardt is a singer-songwriter and ukuleleist from Santa Monica who first began writing songs at the age of 8. After receiving a ukulele as a birthday gift, she began teaching herself to play when she was 14, and it became her primary songwriting tool. While attending Reed College in Portland, Oregon, she felt a sense of calling to pursue music. Her Catholic Christian identity also deepened in college. For several years after college, Jessica performed in a number of LA-based projects. Meanwhile she worked as a full-time youth minister and worship musician. Since the quarantine began, she developed a monthly Zoom concert & conversation series called Keep It Simple, in which she and a featured artist share songs and stories inspired by faith, doubt, spirituality, etc. She also hosts a songwriting group and a book club among fellow artists.

# MASS & PRAYER NIGHTS

- **MONDAY MEDITATION NIGHTS:** Join us every **MONDAY** evening to strengthen your faith! The schedule is as follows: 7:00 p.m.: Mass; 7:30-8:00 p.m.: Adoration; 8:00-8:30 p.m.: Teaching/ Meditation.
- **TUESDAY NIGHTS:** Mass Celebrated in **SPANISH!** Join us at 7:00 p.m.
- **THURSDAY NIGHTS:** Join us every **THURSDAY** evening in **HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH!** The schedule is: 6:30 p.m.: Viewing of an Episode of The Chosen; 7:00 p.m.: Mass; 7:30-8:30 p.m.: Adoration and **\*HEALING PRAYER** (\*in the main vestibule and on the sides of the church).
- **FIRST FRIDAY MASS:** Come and honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus by attending Mass at 7:00 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. Next will be **FRIDAY, June 4**, followed by adoration **AND \*HEALING PRAYER** (\*in the main vestibule and on the sides of the church).
- **SATURDAY NIGHT HEALING PRAYER TRAINING:** Join us in the church on **Saturday nights** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- **\*HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY:** Held during Adoration every **Thursday evening** and every **First Friday evening**.

# 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.



	June 19 / 20, 2021	May 22 / 23.....\$20,649.00
Unrestricted.....	\$17,850.00	May 29 / 30.....\$11,241.00
Restricted .....	\$ 1,668.00	June 5 / 6.....\$16,163.00
<b>T O T A L .....</b>	<b>\$19,518.00</b>	June 12/13.....\$25,328.00

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

# Mass Intentions

June 26 through July 3, 2021

**Saturday:**

5:00 pm: Father's Day Novena 6

**Sunday**

\*7:30 a.m.: Desirey Kimberly Chavez, B-Day INT  
 7:30 am: Father's Day Novena 7  
 9:00 a.m.: Arturo Esteban, RIP  
 11:00 a.m.: Kayla & Mike Murphy, 1st Wedd Anniv  
 1:00 p.m.: Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD, B-Day  
 5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

**Monday:**

6:00 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 8  
 \*7:30 a.m.: Maria Nhung Tran, RIP  
 8:00 a.m.: Virgilio & Martita Lopez 68th Anniv  
 7:00 p.m.: Santiago & Rosie Contreras, RIP

**Tuesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 9  
 \*7:30 a.m.: Maria Nhung Tran, RIP  
 8:00 a.m.: Pedro Jose Lacayo, RIP  
 7:00 p.m. (Span): Jessica Sandoval, INT

**Wednesday:**

6:00 am: Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD 31st Ord. Anniv  
 \*7:30 am: Paul Duyet Phan, RIP  
 8:00 a.m.: Gustav Tittmann, RIP

**Thursday:**

6:00 a.m.: Edward Grobarek  
 \*7:30 am: Paul Duyet Phan, RIP  
 8:00 a.m.: Victoria Sandoval, RIP  
 7:00 p.m.: Raymond Toohey, INT

**First Friday:**

6:00 a.m.: Susan Aguilar, RIP  
 \*7:30 am: Paul Duyet Phan, RIP  
 8:00 a.m.: Denise Clark, INT  
 7:00 p.m.: Fr. David Guzman, OCD, INT

**Saturday:**

\*7:30 am: Carmelite Community  
 8:00 a.m.: Dominic & Therese Ngo, RIP

**\*Held Monday-Saturday at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA**

**LIVE STREAMED MASSES:**

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday),  
 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and 7:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evening Masses (and another special evening Masses) are all live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube (for those unable to attend due to illness). Links on our website's home page (top left column).

# Teaching and Healing

One of the more striking elements in today's Gospel from Mark is that Jesus had the rich and powerful Jairus wait while he spoke with the hemorrhaging—now healed—woman. While Jesus was with her, Jairus' daughter died. Why did Jesus tarry? There are at least three reasons:

**1) Jesus tarried in order to highlight the importance of His teaching.** Jesus chose to teach the Gospel to the crowd rather than rushing to heal the little girl. When the news arrives that Jesus' delay cost the little girl her life, Jairus is told, "why bother the teacher any longer?" You can pick up the disdain in the questioner's words and can almost feel the sarcasm in the use of the word *teacher*.

Jesus was interrupted so often by those who wanted to be healed (Mark 1:22-23,32) that He stole away in the night to escape the crowd (Mark 1:33-38). In Luke, Jesus finally rebukes the crowd for only coming to Him for healing, while not caring about His teaching. He never turned His back on a single need, and yet never let healing take over His teaching.

**2. Jesus had Jairus wait in order to highlight the significance of the anonymous woman He healed:** That poor woman had been sick for twelve years—the same amount of time Jairus' daughter had been alive! She was unnamed, destitute, unclean, and an outcast. Meanwhile, Jairus was rich, a religious leader, and esteemed in the city. Yet Jesus was not concerned with Jairus' social standing, and He did not dismiss the unnamed woman for lacking it. Instead, He made Jairus wait while He taught the woman and the crowd. He was more impressed with the woman's faith who opened herself up to public shame due to her faith in Jesus.

**3. Jesus allowed Jairus' daughter to die so He could raise her from the dead.** In some sense, this is exactly like when Jesus heard that Lazarus was sick but waited for days before going to him. Why? So that everyone would see the power of God in Jesus' life. In Mark 5, Jesus wanted to raise the girl from the dead to show His power. Whereas in the Old Testament, Elisha raced to a dying child's bedside and then frantically tried to resurrect him (2 Kings 4), Jesus calmly walked there. Unlike the desperation of Elisha, Jesus simply held the child's hand and whispered to her. How dramatic that scene must have been, and it only happened because Jesus had enough faith to wait and teach, rather than to run and raise.

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