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August 15, 2021 Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars Est. 1924

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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) & Thursday EVENINGS at 7:15 p.m.—preceded by showing of The Chosen, Season 2, from 7:00 to 7:15 pm; Mass on Wednesday at 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.





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

SACRAMENTS:

Baptisms: Register online

Weddings: Register online at least six months in advance



Anointing of the Sick: Call the office.

Father in Heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise, for all life and all holiness come from you. In the plan of your wisdom, she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with Him in Heaven. May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join her hymn of endless love and praise. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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Blessed Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, body and soul, into Heaven!!!

August 15, 2021

We welcome to our Parish for the next three days a gentleman who was here ministering to us about 30 years ago: **John Cojanis** (and his dog Benji)! Around 1990, John was here to help the Lord to heal people in our church and will again be offering the same help **tomorrow (Monday)** and **Tuesday, in the morning and in the evening. Check the bulletin on the next page (HEALING MISSION) for further details.** And remember to try to trust that **NO REAL PRAYER IS WASTED**, so you have nothing to lose and everything to gain by coming by and letting John pray with you.

We also welcome **Fr. Philip Sullivan**, our previous pastor, who is in town to help raise funds for our House of Studies in Jinja, Uganda. **He will be speaking at all the Masses next weekend**, and will also be "leading you in paint" as the **guest of honor at our Avila Group-sponsored Paint 'N Pinot fundraiser next Saturday, August 20**, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in

the Hall. Please join us one and all!!!

Today is an extra special day, the day our Mother and Queen was taken up body and soul into Heaven. What happened to her right away after her death (receiving her glorified body!) will—if we are faithful to her and her Son—happen to us one day in the not-so-far-off future!!! Here is some food for thought on the bodily Resurrection: all humans are immortal. All humans will rise—"those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment" (CCC, 998, quoting John 5:29; see also Daniel 12:2).

For the just, their glorified bodies will be incapable of dying, suffering, or sickness of any kind (impassibility). They will have a spiritualized body in the sense that their bodies will be both incorruptible and not bound by space, time, or the physical limitations that we now experience (subtlety). The glorified body will perfectly reflect and obey the spiritual soul (agility). We see these aspects in Christ appearing and disappearing, passing through locked doors, and so on. These aspects are attested to in Scripture when St. Paul writes of the glorified body: "Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For that which is corruptible must clothe itself with incorruptibility and this, which is mortal, clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about. 'Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:52-57).

But perhaps the most glorious aspect of the resurrected body is its radiant beauty (clarity). The resurrected bodies of the saints will reflect the radiant light of Christ. Jesus taught this in Matthew 13:43 when He said, "Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." Each and every saint is perfected in every way. Each and every saint will be perfectly beautiful" (Mgsr. Stuart Swetlan, *The Catholic Digest*, July 12, 2021).

Let us keep praying and fasting and doing penance to help us repent of whatever sins may be contributing to the fires, the drought, the continuation of the pandemic, the attack on family life, and the other ills our country and the world are suffering from! Thank you one and all for your zeal and diligence and spirit of sacrifice at this crucial time!!!

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



talks that God wants me to give; then God is the One who does all the healings." **GOD CAN and WILL DO** great things! Come and invite someone who is hurting or away from God. The Healing Mission will take place in the Church on Monday, August 16, and Tuesday, August 17—presented both days at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Choose either morning or evening—whichever time is more convenient for you.

# **OUR FINAL DESTINY**

Today we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The celebration of this feast on a Sunday is unusual on our Roman Catholic calendar. Our observance of the Lord's Day is held in such high esteem that few other feasts replace it. Occasionally there is a feast in which the saving power of God in Christ is so uniquely focused that the Roman rite deems it worthy of celebration on the Lord's Day. Today is such a feast. Yet some are surprised at the brevity of the dogma in its entirety: **"We pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory."** The Roman Catholic Church never defined any specifics or particulars about the event itself. It is not in the Scriptures. There are no verifiable eyewitness accounts. At its core, the dogma reveals in Mary the destiny of all mortal flesh, and reinforces our creedal belief in the resurrection of the body. This feast strengthens our faith, defined last week in Hebrews as the realization of things hoped for. We find, in Mary, that realization of what we all hope for, what Paul today affirms: "In Christ shall all be brought to life" (1 Corinthians 15:22).

In Mary's Assumption, we are assured that she is in the presence of God, pointing the way to all who live as God's good and holy people. Some traditions say that Mary was taken into Heaven before she died; others that immediately after death, she was taken to Heaven. The point was that Mary did not have to wait for her resurrection; it happened at the end of her life on earth. Catholics have believed this from the beginning of the Church, because it was thought that God would not let the body that had brought Christ into the world undergo the corruption of death.

The second reading assures us that while everyone will someday die, "in Christ shall all be brought to life." Jesus was the first to be raised from the dead by the Father, but not the last. **Mary in the Scriptures is a symbol of all believers, so we know that God raised her to show us that we too will be raised.** Now some might argue that since Mary was free from sin, she deserved to be taken up, but none of us can claim the same privilege. But Mary would not say that she deserved it. Instead, she calls herself a "lowly servant" and praises God for His mercy. We too are "lowly servants" who can bring Christ into the world through our love and good examples.

Catholics are sometimes accused of praying to Mary, as if she were equal to God. Actually, we ask her intercession for our needs. But whatever you call it, we know that Mary is alive in Christ. We trust that Mary wants to help us in any way she can, and so we can confidently ask her intercession for our needs.

Mary's holiness is found in her belief in God and her willingness to carry out God's plan by carrying the Child Jesus in her womb. In what ways are you willing to carry out God's plan? Mary's response to Elizabeth is known as the "Magnificat". Mary "magnifies" the greatness of the Lord—through her, we see God's mercy clearly. This, Mary says, is the God for whom the people of Israel had long waited. This is God in whom we believe. Like Mary, the Almighty has done great things for us. How will you glorify and magnify, the Lord by your life?



Paint and Pinot FRIDAY AUGUST 20 6:30 PM

PAINT 'N

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PINO Fr. Philip Sullivan is visiting from Uganda! Come to this FUNDRAISER / Paint 'N Pinot Class this Friday, August 20. Fr. Philip will first celebrate the 5:00 p.m. vigil Mass that evening—followed by CHECK-INS in the Parish Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. Class starts at 7:30 p.m.,

with Pinot and a lot of appetizers! RSVP at https:// bit.lv/paint-pinot-2021. Admission is \$30 for those who RSVP and \$35 if you just show up at the door (pay at the door to the Hall--NOT on EventBrite. CASH ONLY! (No checks or credit)... All proceeds will go to support the Mission in Uganda. See you there! For questions, call 626-644-1436.

FR. PHILIP WILL ALSO BE SPEAKING AT ALL THE MASSES NEXT WEEKEND (AUGUST 20/21)

### D YOU LIKE TO SING? IREGISTRA RELIGI

Then consider joining our 11:00 a.m. Mass Choir!



Choir Rehearsals will begin again on Wednesday, September 1, and continue every FIRST and THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

These rehearsals are held in the choir room in the church basement (enter through the side door on the parking lot side of the churchnear the Adoration Chapel—and go DOWN the stairs. Turn right at the bottom of the steps).

An interview is required for new members. For more information, email the choir director, Paula Grimm, at pgrimm.dir@gmail.com.

# **RELIGIOUS ED FOR YOUR CHILD!**

Registration will take place at the picnic tables in front of the Hall on Sundays, August 29 and September 5 (after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses-for both Elementary Grades 1—8 AND for Confirmation classes for High School students. To make it easier, you can download a Registration form from our website (find it under the link, Religious Ed). Please also bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate (and a First Communion certificate for those who have already received AND your checkbook to pay the fees).

The first session will be Sunday, September 12, which will include attendance at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, followed by

class until 11:45 a.m. You will receive the full schedule at registration.

Confirmation classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Volunteer teachers will be Joe Campbell and Mary Rose and Florence Goh.



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#### August 15, 2021 Dinner & Auction The Discaland Carmelite Friere Page Five Please note that as shown below



The Discalced Carmelite Friars of St. Therese invite everyone to attend Saint Therese School's annual event, **The Little Way Dinner and Benefit Auction**, on **Friday**, **October 1**, at Almansor Court in Alhambra.

This year's recipients of the Lantry Award will be parishioners Dr. Bernhard and Mrs. Kay Tittmann.

The event includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a three-course dinner, both silent and live auctions, and dancing to the **live band**, **Modern Cocktail Society.** To purchase a ticket or make a donation, go to https://one.bidpal.net/stcsauction/welcome.

in the section titled, "Masses & Devotions"—evening Masses on **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday** will not begin until 7:15 p.m., as each will be preceded by a showing of a portion of Season Two of *The Chosen*.



# **MASSES & DEVOTIONS**

- MONDAY MEDITATION NIGHTS: The schedule is as follows: 7:00 p.m.: Showing of a portion of Season 2 of *The Chosen;* 7:15 p.m.: Mass; 7:45-8:15 p.m.: Adoration; 8:15-8:45 p.m.: Teaching/ Meditation.
- TUESDAY NIGHTS: Mass Celebrated in SPANISH! The schedule is as follows: 6:30 p.m.: ROSARY in Spanish; 7:00 p.m.: Showing of a portion of Season 2 of *The Chosen;* 7:15 p.m.: Mass
- WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS: St. Joseph Prayer Group meets at 3:00 p.m. in front of St. Joseph's statue.
- WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: Mass begins at 7:00 p.m., followed by outdoor Confessions at 8:00 p.m.
- **\*THURSDAY NIGHTS:** Join us every THURSDAY evening in HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH! The schedule is: 7:00 p.m.: Showing of a portion of Season 2 of *The Chosen*; 7:15 p.m.: Mass; 7:45-8:45 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. The Mass is then 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 during Adoration on Thursday evenings and First Friday evenings.

# 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.



July 31 / August 1, 2021 Unrestricted...... \$10,965.00 Restricted .....<u>\$1,312.00</u> T O T A L ......<u>\$12,277.00</u> July 10 / 11.....\$22,976.00 July 17 / 18.....\$10,736.00 July 24 / 25.....\$16,878.00 July 31 /Aug 1......\$27,753.00

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

## August 15. 2021 ALTAR BOY TRAINING



Attention: All Boys from 3rd Grade and Up! Join us for our next Altar Server Training Session! It will be held on Saturday, August 21, beginning PROMPTLY at 11:00 a.m. (don't be late!) and continuing until 12:30 p.m., at which time we will have a pizza lunch and then play hockey (led by Fr. Thomas).

This session is for **ALL new & continuing** St. Therese Altar servers! Boys who wish to serve must be in the Third Grade or above and have made their First Holy Communion. Registration forms for new Altar Boys will be available at the training. We hope to see a big group there! For more information or questions, please contact Bro. Jason at BrJasonOtHs@gmail.com.

# The Shape of the Eucharistic Prayer

Our Eucharistic Prayers originated in the traditional Jewish meal prayers known as "berakah," which were prayers of thanksgiving used at meals. Over the centuries, the Christian thanksgiving, or Eucharist, gradually took shape. While in the East the Eucharistic Prayers (called anaphora) took many forms, in the Roman Church there was—for many centuries—just one Eucharistic Prayer, called the Roman Canon (now known as Eucharistic Prayer I).

Almost all Eucharistic Prayers include the same basic elements. They begin with thanksgiving and acclamation. Then there is an "epiclesis," as the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts. Then follows the institution narrative and consecration, as the words that Jesus spoke at the Last Supper are repeated. After the consecration, we remember in an explicit way all that Christ has done for us this is the "anamnesis," or remembering. The prayer concludes with the offering, the intercessions—prayers for the Church, our leaders, ourselves—and a final doxology of praise.

The reforms of the Second Vatican Council enriched our liturgy with additional Eucharistic Prayers, including both ancient texts (Eucharistic Prayer II is based on the most ancient of all existing Eucharistic Prayers) and new compositions.



#### August 15, 2021 August 15, 2021 August 14 through August 21, 2021 <u>Saturday:</u> 5:00 p.m.: Fidel L. Mariano, RIP

Sunday \*7:30 am: Therese Hong Nguyen & Family, RIP 7:30 a.m.: Parishioners 9:00 a.m.: Therese Hong Nguyen, RIP 11 am: Arturo Vargas, Jr., B-Day INT 1:00 p.m.: Tony Holguin, RIP 5:00 p.m.: Catherine Dennison, B-Day INT Monday: 6:00 a.m.: Joseph Can Kim Dang, RIP \*7:30 a.m.: Joseph Can and Maria Hai, RIP 8:00 a.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory 7:00 p.m.: Pepito Nazareno, Jr., RIP **Tuesday:** 6:00 a.m.: Arniliza I. Jimenez, RIP \*7:30 a.m.: Felix Medrano, INT 8:00 a.m.: Christine Russo, RIP 7:00 pm (Span): Mary Rose Go/Patrick Rosal INT Wednesday: 6:00 am: Holy Souls in Purgatory \*7:30 am: Dec'd Religious/relatives/benefactors of the Discalced Carmelite Nuns 8:00 am: Daisy Thompson, INT 7:00 pm: In Honor of St. Jude for Souls in Purgatory Thursday: 6:00 a.m.: Arniliza I. Jimenez, RIP \*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT 8:00 a.m.: Aaron Estrada, INT 7:00 p.m.: Pepito Nazareno, Jr., RIP Friday: 6:00 a.m.: Pepito Nazareno, Jr., RIP \*7:30 am: Maria Concepcion Aguilar, RIP 8:00 a.m.: Patricia Brundige, B-Day INT Saturday: \*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community 8:00 a.m.: Aiden Arakawa, B-day INT \*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite

\*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel, 215 E Alhambra Rd OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Mon.-Sat.

## LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass 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).



By St. John the Cross

The soul that is clouded the bv desires is darkened in the understanding and allows neither the sun of natural reason nor that of supernatural the Wisdom of God to shine upon it and illumine it clearly. At the same time, when the soul is darkened in the understanding, it is benumbed also in the will, and the



memory becomes dull and disordered in its dire operation. The intellect cannot get the illumination of God's wisdom, the will cannot get the love of God, and the memory cannot get God's image. Darkness and coarseness will always be with a soul until its appetites are extinguished. The appetites are like a cataract on the eye or specks of dust in it; until removed they obstruct vision. The affections and appetites deprive them of a treasure of divine light. Any appetite, even one that is but slightly imperfect, stains and defiles the soul (Book 1, Chapter 8).

All that is required for a complete pacification of the spiritual house is the negation through pure faith of all the spiritual faculties and gratifications and appetites. This achieved, the soul will be joined with the Beloved in a union of simplicity and purity and love and likeness. #3. In the night of sense there is yet some light, because the intellect and reason remain and suffer no blindness. But his spiritual night of faith removes everything, both in the intellect and in the senses. The less a soul works with its own abilities, the more securely it proceeds, because its progress in faith is greater (Book 2, Chapter 1, No. 2).

