

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Est. 1924

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(closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm
And from 5:00 to 6:00 pm).

Eucharistic Adoration
Chapel is open 24/7.

An electronic key is
needed if you enter
between 5 pm
& 6 am (the
\$20 key is
available
in the
office).

In Residence: Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD X335;
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> Our School > Videos

MASSES AND SERVICES

Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m.
Carmelite Cloister: 7:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.
Latin High Mass: 1:00 p.m.

Confessions: Wed: 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Sat: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

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

Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

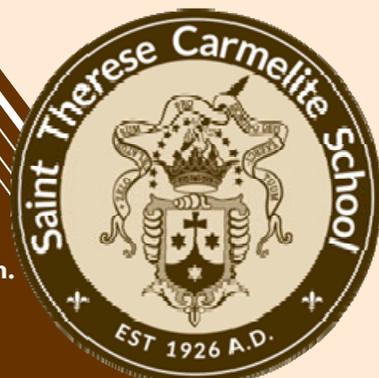
First Friday: Mass and Confessions: 7:30 p.m.

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

Weddings: Fill out an application (website or office) six months+ in advance

Holy Communion to the Sick: Fred & Margaret Padilla, (626) 282-0943

Anointing of the Sick: Call the office to schedule an appointment.



NOT PEACE, BUT DIVISION

By Fr. Richard Heilman

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing" (Luke 12:49).



In today's Gospel, we hear the Prince of Peace say, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51). How can that be? Isn't Jesus the Prince of Peace? He is! But, the peace our Lord offers is a "peace of mind" and "peace of heart"--a peace we will have **only if** we stand with Jesus. Faithful Christians are accused of causing division, because we choose Christ over the world. Division comes when others separate themselves from the Lord; when others decide to "go their own way" or to "go the way of the world," rather than staying with the Lord.

St. Jude reminds us that it is the world that sets up division, not you and I: *"But you, beloved, remember the words spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, for they told you, 'In the last days there will be scoffers who will live according to their own godless desires.' These are the ones who cause divisions; they live on the natural plane, devoid of the Spirit. But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in the love of God and wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. On those who waver, have mercy; save others by snatching them out of the fire; on others have mercy with fear, abhorring even the outer garment stained by the flesh" (Jude 1:17-23).*

You and I have simply "stayed put"; we have decided to stay with our Lord. It is the world that decided a mother's womb should no longer be the safest place in the universe; it is the world that decided that the very words of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, regarding marriage, no longer matter, and so anyone can marry anybody! It is the world that decided that grown men can use the little girls' restrooms, and so on and so forth.

WHY IS THERE SO MUCH DIVISION TODAY? Because we live in an information age, and the vast majority of those who "control the message" seem to either ignore or even have disdain for Godly values. In other words, we are being "programmed by the worldly." Those who live on a steady diet of television and movies that herald such things as fornication, sodomy, and adultery, are especially prone to this indoctrination. Of course, the temptation is to "go along to get along," or to remain silent in the face of such atrocities. Many believe it is better to avoid "hot-button issues" in order to be more unified. They neatly categorize these issues as "political," and, thus, they say they should not be confronted by Christians. But this silence has led many of the faithful to mistakenly believe God is "okay" with such things as abortion, contraception, and the redefinition of marriage. St. Catherine of Siena railed against such silence: *"We've had enough exhortations to be silent. Cry out with a thousand tongues! I see the world is rotten because of silence."*

The rate of speed with which our culture has turned its back on God and His truths, as revealed through Scripture and Tradition, seems to run concurrent with the advance of communication technology. While the government held strict moral decency laws early on, efforts to “push the envelope” have been relentless over the years. Now, any child who can work a cell phone can access the most egregious pornography imaginable. A recent Pew Research study shows that Christianity has seen a dramatic drop from their ranks. The most significant drop is among Millennials, who happen to be the most “tuned in” to pop culture. As more and more people fall prey to this indoctrination, “traditional” folks become fewer and fewer and are, therefore, seen as “out of touch with the times.” We truly are becoming a “remnant.” Venerable Fulton Sheen once said, *“Moral principles do not depend on a majority vote. Wrong is wrong, even if everybody is wrong. Right is right, even if nobody is right.”*

I am particularly concerned with the accelerated rate of this indoctrination in just the past few years. With the advent of high speed internet, the brainwashing is in hyperdrive. Consider the change of attitude of our country toward gay marriage. In 2008, both Democrats (including Obama) and Republicans ran “in favor” of the DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act). During the 2016 election--just eight short years later--the Democrats believed that their support of gay “marriage” was a make-or-break issue. Republicans, and even most leaders within the Catholic Church, are choosing to remain mostly silent on the issue. Why? According to another Pew Research study done in 2001, Americans overwhelmingly opposed same-sex marriage by a 57% to 35% margin. However, the March of 2019 Pew Research Study shows a majority of Americans (61%) supporting same-sex marriage, compared with 39% who oppose it. Literally overnight, the country has flipped on this issue and Americans are now willing to allow the redefinition of marriage--something that has not occurred since the dawn of civilization.

And so, if you and I have decided to stand with our Lord, and to stand with thousands of years of generations that have gone before us, we are now chastised and ridiculed as “out of step” and “not with the times.” We are called “haters” and “bigots” and “homophobes.” Many risk losing their business or job or relationships with family and friends. Jesus said, *“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you”* (John 15:18). In spite of the increasing ridicule we receive as our numbers grow smaller, what does it really mean to be “faithful?” It simply means we are “staying home” while others are “moving away.” We are remaining in God’s truth, as revealed through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. We need to be united; we need to be on the “same page.” But, where is that “page?” Is it with the world? Or, is it with God? Stay put! Abide in Him! It isn’t easy, and it may cause division, but we will have the peace of mind and heart that “We Stand with God!”

**Remain strong, Christians!
We are in for a rough ride!**



FINANCIAL OFFERINGS *"...for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

May God reward you! Below you will find the total collections for the last few weekends.

NOTE: The second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month is for our School (next is September 14/15).



The totals for the collections of both August 3/4 and 10/11 will be in next Sunday's bulletin (unavailable as the Bookkeeper is on pilgrimage).

July 6 / 7.....\$13,150.00
 July 13 / 14.....\$34,347.00
 July 20 / 21.....\$14,041.00
 July 27 / 28, 2019\$16,018.00

Check Users:
 Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

BE A VOICE FOR LIFE



The California Assembly Appropriations Committee is voting on SB 24, a bill that would require all state college health centers to distribute medical abortion pills.

If you believe in LIFE, then voice your opposition to #SB24!

Student mothers and their babies need support, not abortion! Pregnant students need affordable housing, on-campus childcare, flexible scheduling, and support,

not more abortions. Our universities are intended to be places of higher education, not abortion clinics! This is not even a pro-choice bill, but exclusively a pro-abortion effort which does nothing to help pregnant students find the resources they need in order to have real choices—other than abortion! Chemical abortion is dangerous and traumatizing for women. Side effects include heavy bleeding and/or passing blood clots the size of lemons, as well as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and fever. Imagine this painful experience happening in the dorm bathroom late at night with no one to call for help! Since approving the abortion drug Mifepristone in 2000, the FDA reports more than 4,000 women have had serious "adverse events," more than 1,000 women have required hospitalization, 598 women have experienced blood loss so severe they required transfusions, and 22 women have died from taking the abortion pill.

#BeAVoiceForLife! CALL all these members of the California Assembly Appropriations Committee and let them know you OPPOSE SB24 and want them to Vote No:

- Lorena Gonzalez, (916) 319-2080; Frank Bigelow, (916) 319-2005; Richard Bloom, (916) 319-2050; Rob Bonta, (916) 319-2018; William P. Brough, (916) 319-2073; Ian C. Calderon, (916) 319-2057; Wendy Carrillo, (916) 319-2051; Ed Chau, (916) 319-2049; Tyler Diep, (916) 319-2072; Susan Talamantes Eggman, (916) 319-2013; Vince Fong, (916) 319-2034; Jesse Gabriel, (916) 319-2045; Eduardo Garcia, (916) 319-2056; Brian Maienschein, (916) 319-2077; Jay Obernolte, (916) 319-2033; Cottie Petrie-Norris, (916) 319-2074; Bill Quirk, (916) 319-2020; and Robert Rivas, (916) 319-2030.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY DAYS

The Alhambra Knights of Columbus invite everyone to join them for these upcoming family activities:

- Family Night THIS WEDNESDAY, August 21, at Shakey's Pizza (2234 W. Valley Blvd, Alhambra). Just go there and enjoy a meal anytime between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. this Wednesday! Drop your receipt in the designated box and the Knights get a percentage!
- Frisbee Golf at Whittier Narrows on Saturday, August 24, from 10:00 am to 3:00 p.m. The Knights will show you how to play and will provide Frisbees and drinks. Please pack your own lunch and bring sunscreen! To caravan and/or carpool, meet in the church lot at 8:30 a.m. that day and we'll take off at 9:15 a.m.—OR meet at 750 Santa Anita, South El Monte, Area D Parking (parking fee of \$6). RSVP to Frank at 943-9941 by August 20!



Don't mean to make you blush,
 So please don't say,
"I wish you'd hush!"
 It's just that...our kids
really have to flush!

We are seeking donations to upgrade both our School restrooms and the Parish Hall restrooms. These restrooms are almost 60 years old, and are in dire need of renovation... No donation is too small!



Please make it clear on your check that you are donating towards the restrooms.

Thank you and God bless you in advance!

COME AND SEE... For Young Women from 18 to 35



"Trust in the Lord...And He Will Grant Your Heart's Desire!"

The Cloistered Discalced Carmelite Nuns invite all single women from 18 to 35 to join them for a day of discernment. It will be held on **Saturday, September 7**, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Carmel of St. Teresa Monastery, 215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra.

Please RSVP by August 31 by either calling 588-7048 or E-mailing vocations@carmelteresa.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION FOR THE RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAMS for BOTH Elementary and High School Grades will take place in the Parish Meeting Room **NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**, as follows:

* **STRE** (Transitional Kindergarten through 8th Grade, including Eucharist Preparation): At 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Meeting Room of the Parish Center. The first classes will begin on **September 8 at 9:00 a.m.**



• **CONFIRMATION** (High School): At **Noon**, in the Parish Meeting Room. The first class for C1 will be on **September 8 at 9:00 a.m.**; the first class for C2 will be on **September 15 at 9:00 a.m.**

Each student must bring a copy of his or her **Baptism certificate** to the orientation.

Registration forms will be available at that time.

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RCIA: Anyone wishing to become Catholic or to complete their Sacraments (First Communion/Confirmation) is welcome to join us! **Orientation** will be held on **Thursday, August 29, at 7:00 p.m.** Classes are held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m., from September to June.

BIBLE STUDY



The next Wednesday night Bible Study will begin a ten-week Bible study called, "*Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy*," on **September 4 at 7:00 p.m.**, Participants will meet every week in the Parish Meeting Room to view an engaging video presentation, followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. A program fee of \$30 is due at the first meeting.

For more information or to register (by **AUGUST 25, 2019**), visit www.ascensionpress.com, or contact Debbie at 679-6370 or debrobles@me.com.

Choir Practice for 11:00 AM Mass



The Choir for the 11:00 a.m. Mass will begin rehearsals this coming **Wednesday, August 21, at 7:30 p.m.**, in the choir room. For more information, please call Charlotte Lansberg, Music Director, at 807-8611.

Ongoing Events / Meetings

BIBLE STUDY: Classes meet at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesdays** in the Parish Meeting Room **between September and June**. Next session begins **September 4** (Contact Debbie Robles at debrobles@me.com or at 679-6370).

CATHOLIC KARATE is for boys, girls, and men from 7 to 60. Learn self-defense, increased self-control, and confidence. For more info, contact John at SenseiJohnWrot@gmail.com.

CHOIR REHEARSAL for the 11:00 a.m. Mass is every Wednesday from September to June (from 7:30-9:00 p.m.).

CONSECRATION TO MARY: Follow-up group for those already consecrated to Jesus through His mother, the Mother of God. Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. For more info, call Angela at (310) 701-8386.

DETENTION MINISTRY: If you're 21 or older, join us in visiting the youth (ages 8 to 18) in the Juvenile Detention Center in L.A. To sign up or for more info, call Sonia at (323) 724-6443.

EnCOURAGE: Standing fully by the teachings of the Church, we are a group of faithful Catholic parents who support one another and our loved ones with same sex attraction, through discussion, prayer, fellowship and sacrifice. Meet monthly in the LA Archdiocese with our chaplain in a safe confidential setting. For more info, contact your local chapter (EnCourage for **parents**: EnCourage.LosAngeles@gmail.com; OR Courage LA for **persons struggling with same sex attraction**: CourageCA.LosAngeles@gmail.com.)

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: Held every First Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

"FORMED" CATHOLIC MEDIA is available for **FREE** to ALL our parishioners! Discover all the best Catholic content in one place: movies, talks, audio dramas, and a great selection of popular e-books. To register, go to FORMED.ORG on our website, click on the icon, enter your name, email address, a password, and your zip code--and get started!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group (originally formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro) is for those grieving a loved one—no matter how long or for whom. We meet in the Parish Offices from **2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays** of each month. **The next meeting will be August 28.**

INTERCESSORS FOR PRIESTS PRAYER GROUP: Join us in the Avila Room in the Parish Offices to pray for priests every **Thursday at 8:00 p.m.** (following Benediction in the church). For more info, call Blanca at 281-7070.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: For Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen their faith through serving the Church & community. Call the Alhambra Grand Knight, Frank Bodeman, at (888) 869-3124.

LEGION OF MARY: The object of the Legion is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation. Meetings are Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Offices (Lisieux Room).

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: For info on Church teaches about openness to life, contact Jack & Katrina Crow at 292-1906 or katrina.fcp@gmail.com for **English** OR Martha Lacayo for **Spanish** at 372-0808 or Martha.fcp@gmail.com. Introductory sessions to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System/NaproTechnology are normally on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact one of them to register for the classes.

RISE MEN'S MINISTRY: All men who have made the challenge at www.MenRiseUp.org are encouraged to join us on **Saturday mornings for the Rosary at 6:45 a.m., followed by a video and discussion from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m.** in the Parish Meeting Room. For questions, contact Greg Keller at greglks@yahoo.com.

ROSARY MAKERS: Help make rosaries to be sent to Catholics in third-world countries. Sessions are held on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. For more info, call Magda at (213) 300-7776.

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP: Come to the church every **Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.** to pray for peace and justice issues in our community and around the world. For more info, call Lucy at 281-3706.

Mass Intentions

Week of
August 17 through August 24, 2019

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Lessard, Emond, & McGrath Families, INT

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Michael A., Lauren, & Helga Ellena Cheah, INT

7:30 a.m.: Kin Cheah & Florence Goh, INT

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Catherine Yong Yik Khean, RIP

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Ursula V. Aquino, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Gilbert Holman, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Maria Nelly Wanandhi, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. John O'Brien, INT

8:00 a.m.: Fr. John Hopkins, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Darey Huo, Birthday Intention

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Vivian Sun, INT

8:00 a.m.: Art Burke, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Eddie Pimentel, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Wendy Brown, Birthday Intention

8:00 a.m.: Grace Lowenberg, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Dianne Wilson & Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Manuel Morataya, RIP

8:00 am: David & Nicole Bise & Family, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Marguerite Trossarello, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Nancy Holman & Tamra Auzenne, INT

8:00 a.m.: Sarah Halpin & Zoe Grimm, INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Pimentel Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Joseph Ganssle, RIP

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road. Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

Floral Dedications

This week's Dedications are:

† In Thanksgiving from Dominic and Riah Jasmine Tan

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♥ In Honor of
Laura Cuevas



Outside the Parish

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend for Healing after Abortion for men and women struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The retreat helps participants work through repressed grief and anger in a safe, nonjudgmental setting and come to acceptance, healing, and hope. It utilizes spiritual exercises to help grieve the loss of unborn children and to accept God's forgiveness. All inquiries and registrations are confidential. Dates are **October 4-6 in San Fernando**. Cost is \$300 per person. For registration or more information, call 323-577-5693 and leave a message. See more at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Beautiful Marian Pilgrimage to **FATIMA, PORTUGAL**, from **OCTOBER 7 - 15**, with Fr. Matthew Wheeler as Chaplain. All inclusive from LAX: \$2995. Hurry, applications are still being accepted at this cost. For details, go to www.syversentouring.com/portugal or call Louisa Day at 323-360-5186.

Personal Ads

FOR RENT TO FEMALE STUDENTS: Two furnished rooms in my Temple City home. \$700 and \$600 per month, including utilities. Rooms include shared access to kitchen, bath, and patio. 15-minute drive to PCC and CalTech. Parking/bike space. Call 215-3159 between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

SEEKING CARETAKER for my elderly mother (several different shifts open). Call 500-7612 if you would like an interview.

Retired woman **SEEKING TO RENT A ROOM** with a separate entrance, non-sharing bathroom, and kitchen privileges. Can pay \$685/mo + \$500 security. Pays on time, doesn't smoke/drink, has no pets. If you have availability, please call 627-1899.

Lectors

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Rebeca Willis / Larry Dumont

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Jackie Johnson / Blanca Ruvalcaba

9:00 a.m. John Kienker / Ron Sandoval

11:00 a.m. Andy Zepeda / Jason Perez

5:00 p.m. Peter Chiu / Charlie Gopez