

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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## From Today's First Reading:

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, until he came to a solitary broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death: "Enough,

Lord! Take my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."

He lay down and fell a sleep under the tree, but suddenly a messenger touched him and said, "Get up and eat!"

## OFFICE HOURS

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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;

Masses on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

(these are also LIVE STREAMED)

**CONFESIONS (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.

## SACRAMENTS:

**Baptisms:** Register online

**Weddings:** Register online  
at least six months in advance

**Anointing of the Sick:** Call the office.



# FROM THE PASTOR

**Greetings, one and all!** By now you will probably have noticed that one of our former pastors, Fr. Jan Lundberg, has arrived and is helping out with various Masses. Welcome, Father Jan! Also, if you didn't get a chance to wish Fr. David, "Happy Birthday!!!" (August 4th), you can still do so. Belated birthday wishes still count.

Another heads up: **Next Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, John Cojanis will be leading a Healing Mission.** I urge you to ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and, if nothing else, just to come and see. We are not trying to get anyone to change their spirituality or to join a movement, wave hands, adopt contemporary music, or become extra-emotional. We are simply trying to make it easier for you to receive all that the Lord wants to give you and, through you, to others (sanctifying, contemplative, and charismatic grace)—especially those in your own house! (**See the announcement at the bottom of the next page.**)

Last week Bro. Jason helped us to understand better how, as practicing Catholics, we can care for same-sex attracted persons. This week I am encouraging you to **read the following recent article by George Weigel** (a well-respected Catholic writer with a wry sense of humor) on another hot-button issue. By the way, this article, sadly, has nothing to do with donuts... -**Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD**

## THE BISHOPS, DONATISM (NOT DONUT-ISM!) AND PRESIDENT BIDEN

By George Weigel

(Published on July 28, 2021, in Mr. Weigel's weekly column, *The Catholic Difference*)



In an article first posted in Commonweal and republished on July 7, 2021, in La Croix International, Professor John Thiel of Fairfield University, while criticizing the U.S. Bishops' decision to prepare a teaching document on Eucharistic coherence and integrity in the Church, performed the not-inconsiderable feat of striking out four times (swinging).

**The first whiff:** "In the judgment of the bishops, Biden's sin seems to be that, as a Catholic politician, he has not taken a public, political stand against abortion." Wrong. What the bishops (and Catholics serious about human rights) object to is that the Biden Administration is bending every effort to increase the incidence of abortions at home and abroad. Moreover, the administration, by eliminating from its recent budget request the Hyde Amendment and its prohibition on using tax dollars for abortion "services," is threatening to implicate conscientious pro-life Americans in its misguided policies. The objection here is not to a missing statement—"The president isn't taking the right public stand"—but to specific actions: Led by President Biden, the administration is promoting and facilitating a grave moral evil—the killing of innocents.

**The second whiff:** "Biden has stated many times that he considers abortion to be a moral evil. This is his Catholic belief. But . . . he finds that his personal belief conflicts with the beliefs of other citizens and with the law in a democracy. . . ." Wrong. The Catholic rejection of abortion is not a distinctively "Catholic belief" and the bishops have never suggested that it is. Rather, the bishops have consistently argued that it's a matter of elementary biology (the product of human conception is a human being and nothing other than a human being) and an elementary principle of justice (innocent life deserves legal protection in law in a just society). You don't have to believe in the Triune God, the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Trinity, the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary or her Assumption, to grasp why the abortion license is an evil that should not be permitted in law. Catholic belief in the power of grace (not to mention in the particular and final judgments) may give public officials the courage to withstand political pressure and support a Culture of Life that offers women in crisis pregnancies something better than abortion. But there is no uniquely Catholic belief-ticket to the pro-life position, which is science-based and rational.



**The third whiff:** “The bishops seem to see the Church as the Donatists did... [as] a Church characterized by a purity that cannot abide the sinful pollution of Biden’s political behavior.” Wrong. While it’s true that the Donatists in mid-first-millennium North Africa believed in a Church of the pure and that their view was rejected by orthodox Catholic teachers like St. Augustine, the key issue in the Donatist controversy was the efficacy of the sacraments, not the purity of the Church. The Donatists demanded that Catholics who had apostacized by various acts of idolatry be rebaptized; Augustine correctly argued that post-baptismal sin, however grave, did not alter the efficacy of baptism, which was a matter of divine grace, not human action. No one is suggesting that President Biden (or Speaker Nancy Pelosi or Sen. Dick Durbin or any number of pro-“choice” legislators of both parties) be rebaptized. But the hard fact is that, by actively facilitating a grave moral evil, these men and women have put themselves in a defective state of communion with the Church, such that their own integrity requires that they not present themselves for Holy Communion—an act that, among other things, suggests that one is in full communion with the Church.

**The fourth whiff:** “The Church is not a gathering place for the saved but a refuge for sinners... Augustine insisted that...the Sacraments possessed a supernatural power that brought sinners to salvation...” The Church is indeed that, and the Sacraments indeed have that power; but a brief reflection on Peter’s denials during the

**Donatism was a Christian sect leading to a schism in the Church from the fourth to the sixth centuries. Donatists argued that the clergy must be faultless in order for their ministry to be effective and their prayers and sacraments to be valid.**

Lord’s passion suggests that sinners are saved when they acknowledge their sin. We have all heard the cock crow, more than once. No one urging Catholic public officials to recognize the evil in which they’re involved when they facilitate abortion imagines himself or herself without sin. The bishops don’t, I don’t, and it’s absurd to suggest that any of us do.

We do care for the spiritual welfare of our fellow Catholics caught in the grip of Big Abortion, its propaganda, and its campaign contributions. As fellow sinners touched by grace, we pray for their deeper conversion to the truth. And we applaud the bishops who call for that conversion by all appropriate means. <https://eppc.org/publication/the-bishops-donatism-and-president-biden/>



Charles-André van Loo's 18th-century painting,  
*Augustine Arguing with Donatists*

## HEALING MISSION NEXT WEEK!

Next week, **August 16 and 17**, we will have a very special “Healing Mission,” conducted by John Cojanis, a Catholic Lay Missionary from the Diocese of Tucson, Arizona, who has been in the ministry for 40+ years.

If you attend one of the two sessions on both days, you will learn how to pray for the sick and will see many people actually healed by God. John says, “I give the 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**. There will be a total of two separate talks, the first presented on **Monday at both 9:00 a.m. in the morning and 7:00 p.m. in the evening**; the second presented on **Tuesday, also at both 9:00 a.m. in the morning and 7:00 p.m. in the evening**. Just choose either morning or evening each of the two days, whichever time is more convenient for you.

# PLEASE WEAR A MASK IN CHURCH!



**PLEASE COMPLY WITH THIS DIRECTIVE**—even if YOU don't believe wearing a mask is effective or necessary! You may not notice, but if you do not wear a mask, YOU ARE UPSETTING THOSE IN THE PEWS AROUND YOU. Please show consideration for them! This mandate—due to the increase of COVID-19 cases in L.A. County—is required of everyone entering the church (effective as of 7/16/21). For any additional questions, please contact the Archdiocesan COVID response team: Marina at [Mamacchiagodena@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:Mamacchiagodena@la-archdiocese.org) or Isaac at [icuevas@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:icuevas@la-archdiocese.org).

God bless, Rev. Brian Nunes, Moderator of the Curia & Vicar General

## FR. PHILIP TO VISIT

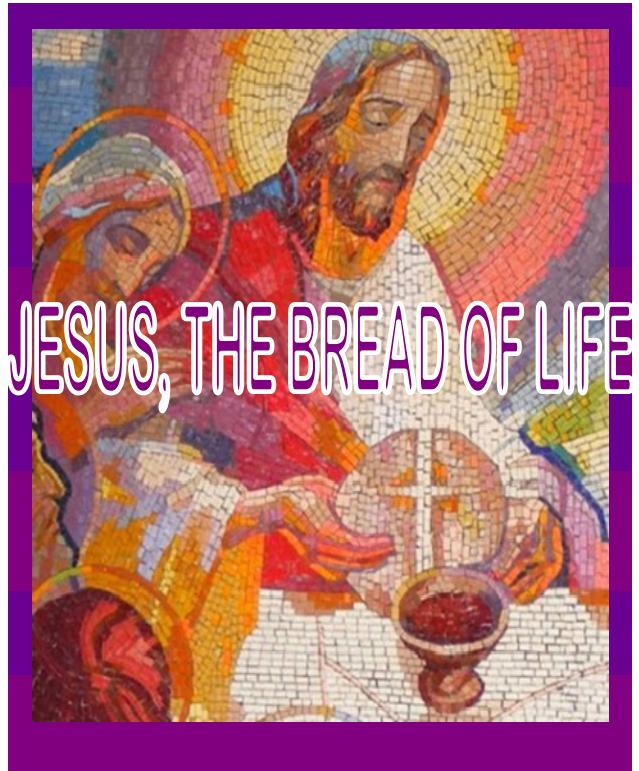
Fr. Philip Sullivan, our pastor through November of 2020, will be visiting here from Uganda.



During his visit, he will speak at all the Masses on the weekend of August 21 and 22 about the Carmelite Mission in Uganda.

As part of his talk, a collection will be taken to help the Carmelite Friars to continue the work being done in Jinja, Uganda. You can read more on their website,

[www.DiscalcedCarmeliteMissionUganda.org](http://www.DiscalcedCarmeliteMissionUganda.org).

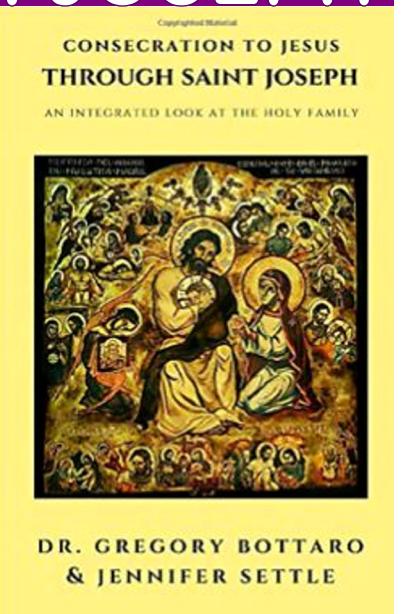


## ...TO JESUS THROUGH ST. JOSEPH

FOR THOSE ALREADY CONSECRATED TO ST. JOSEPH!

If you have already made a Consecration to St. Joseph, we recommend the book, *Consecration to Jesus through Saint Joseph: An Integrated Look at the Holy Family*. This book looks at the Holy Family through the lens of St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*. Dr. Gregory Bottaro and Jennifer Settle have prepared this **devotional journal exercise** to bring into focus the spiritual (virtues) as well as the psychological (characteristics) realities of being human, reflecting on the full humanity of St. Joseph, Our Lady, and Jesus. This is a private, simple, and humble devotion, which began Friday, July 2, and continues until the Consecration on Sunday, August 15, the Feast of the Assumption.

You can purchase this book for \$10 in the parish office OR you can buy it on Kindle or Amazon. If you want to take part in the consecration on August 15, contact Maria Alejandra de Jesus at 993-4236.



# Dinner & Auction | Evening Masses



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.

Please note that as shown below 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*.

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>.



## 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.



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July 10 / 11.....\$22,976.00
July 17 / 18.....\$10,736.00
July 24 / 25.....\$16,878.00

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# ForGIVE Others and GIVE Yourself Freedom and Peace

Today's Second Reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians talks about forgiving one another. It reminds me of the line in the Lord's Prayer, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" (Mathew 6:12). You could read that line as a warning that God only forgives those who forgive others. Paul reverses that conditional meaning to say that we forgive because God has already forgiven us. So which came first, the chicken or the egg?



In a sense, both are needed: Jesus died on the cross to show that God forgives sins you haven't even committed yet. But God does not force His forgiveness on us. It is a gift, given freely. We have to want to be forgiven and accept that gift from God. And we also have to be willing to forgive those who have hurt us. There are many ways to do that. One is to forgive in your heart. That's usually easy to do for someone you love. You know they didn't mean to hurt you and so you don't get angry at them. And if you truly forgive, you won't be thinking of how that person owes you for the hurt and what you can get from them. If you don't love the one who hurt you, you still need to forgive, so you can let go of the hurt (and be forgiven for not loving your neighbor!).

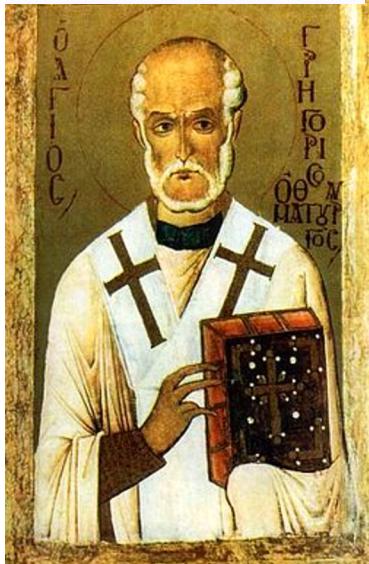
Paul also tells us to let go of bitterness, anger, and shouting. Instead of getting even, we are told to be kind and compassionate (Eph. 4:32.) We can go to the next step after forgiving in our hearts: We show our forgiveness in our actions. A friend or relative might get a hug; others might get a handshake or words of forgiveness. If the ones who hurt you insist on making up for it, accept their gifts graciously and remind them that they are forgiven; they may need to make reparation so they can forgive themselves.

## THE WORKINGS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE FOLLOWING, CONTINUING FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEKS' INSTALLMENTS, IS FROM THE BOOK, *THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS HANDBOOK*, ABOUT THE WORKINGS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE EARLY CHURCH.

**Gifts for evangelization:** It was in the context of evangelization, more than any other area of the Church's life, that spiritual gifts abounded. A layman named Gregory Thaumaturgus (210-260), who became known as the Wonder-Worker, "performed many miracles (healing the sick, casting out devils)—such that the pagans were no less attracted to the faith by his deeds than by his teachings." When Gregory went to live in Neocaesarea, there were only seventeen Christians there. By the time he died forty years later, there were only seventeen *non*-Christians left in the city! St. Basil writes of him: "By the co-working of the Spirit, the power he had over demons was tremendous ...By Christ's mighty name, he commanded even rivers to change their course. His predictions of things to come in no way fell short of those of the great prophets."

St. Gregory Thaumaturgus



St. Patrick, the apostle to Ireland, was known for extraordinary spiritual gifts. He first arrived on the island as a teenager, kidnapped from his native Britain and sold as a slave. Although he had previously been a lukewarm Christian, he prayed constantly and became fervent in his faith. He escaped Ireland when God instructed him to do so in a dream. Years later, at home in Britain, he received a vision in the night in which he saw a man called Victor who had come from Ireland with a bundle of letters. As Patrick read the opening words of one letter, he sensed many Irish voices shouting, "We ask you, boy, come and walk once more amongst us." He was cut to the heart and, in obedience to the vision, he returned to Ireland—this time to preach the Gospel to the Irish pagans. Hundreds of healings, raisings of the dead, and other miracles are attributed to Patrick. Although, in this case, it is difficult to separate fact from legend, it is certain that the miracles Patrick worked were a major part of the reason for the extraordinarily rapid conversion of the whole island to Christianity (pp. 90-91).

# Mass Intentions

August 7 through August 14, 2021

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: D. K. Allison, INT

Sunday

- \*7:30 a.m.: Joseph Can/Maria Hai Dang, RIP
- 7:30 a.m.: Parishioners
- 9:00 a.m.: Bernie Sasis, RIP
- 11 am: Gregoria/Hilarion/Yolanda Palma, RIP
- 1:00 p.m.: Adriana Valle, INT
- 5:00 p.m.: Daisy Thompson, INT

Monday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Fr. Godfrey Chandy, OCD, INT
- \*7:30 a.m.: Postulant Brenda, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Victoria Sandoval, RIP
- 7:00 p.m.: Franklin Teng, INT

Tuesday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Joseph Can Kim Dang, RIP
- \*7:30 a.m.: Postulant Brenda, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Freddy Grimm, 14th B-Day INT
- 7 p.m. (Span): Mary Rose Go/Patrick Rosal INT

Wednesday:

- 6:00 am: Joseph Can Kim Dang, RIP
- \*7:30 am: Sr. Kim Marie, OCD, INT
- 8:00 am: Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 7:00 p.m.: Florence Schroeder, RIP

Thursday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP
- \*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Kim Marie, OCD, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Mark Holman, B-Day INT
- 7:00 p.m.: Margaret Anyanwu, INT

Friday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Goh & Cheah Families, INT
- \*7:30 am: Felix Medrano, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Victoria Sandoval, RIP

Saturday:

- \*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
- 8:00 a.m.: Charlie Tittmann, 14th B-Day INT

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

### LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

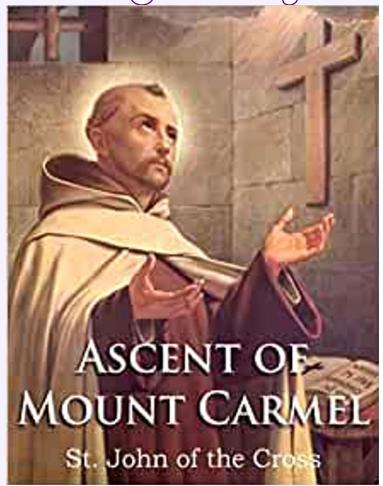
8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday),  
 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and 7:00 p.m.  
 Masses on Mon., Tues., Wed., and Thurs.  
 evening (and any other special evening  
 Masses, including First Fridays) are all live  
 streamed on Facebook AND YouTube (for  
 those unable to attend due to illness, etc.).

Links to those two sites are on our  
 website's home page (in the top left  
 column).

# Quiet Listening Prayer

**MORE FROM ST. JOHN**

**OF THE CROSS:** To leave safely the state of meditation and sense and enter that of contemplation and spirit, spiritual persons must observe within themselves at least these three signs together.



**ASCENT OF MOUNT CARMEL**

St. John of the Cross

It is insufficient to possess the **first sign** (**the realization that one cannot make discursive meditation or receive satisfaction from it as before**) without the second. It could be that the inability to imagine and meditate derives from one's dissipation and lack of diligence. The **second sign, disinclination and absence of desire to think about extraneous things**, must be present. When this inability to concentrate the imagination and sense faculties on the things of God proceeds from dissipation and tepidity, there is yearning to dwell on other things and an inclination to give up meditation.

Neither is the realization of the first and second sign sufficient if the third sign is not observed with them. When one is incapable of making discursive meditation on the things of God and disinclined to consider subjects extraneous to God, the cause could be melancholia or some other kind of humor in the heart or brain capable of producing a certain stupefaction and suspension of the sense faculties. This anomaly would be the explanation for want of thought or of desire and inclination for thought. It would foster in a person the desire to remain in the delightful ravishing. Because of this danger, **the third sign, the loving knowledge and awareness in peace**, and so on, is necessary. (*Ascent, Book II, Chapter 13, Nos. 5-6*).

# Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

† Frank Mayer

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