

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into Life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire... And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the Kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched'" (Mark 9:42-48).

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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, the Sunday 11:00 a.m., and the 7:00 p.m. weekday 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 a showing of The Chosen, Season 2, from 7:00 to 7:15 pm;

**Mass on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**

**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.

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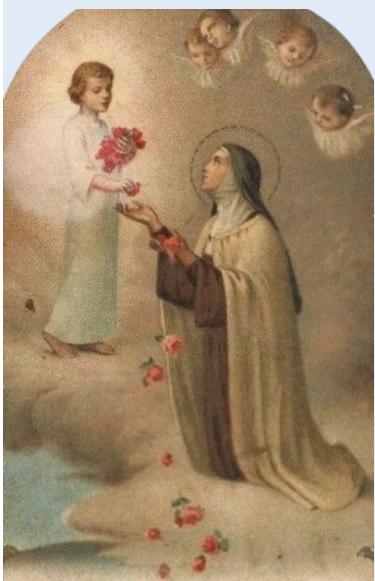
**Weddings:** Register online  
at least six months in advance

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



# FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy and blessed "St. Therese-and-Holy Archangels-and-Guardian Angels Week," everyone!!!



Finally, we have arrived once again at the Solemnity of our Patroness, the greatest saint of modern times, according to Pope Pius XI! I hope you will be able to come to our 5:00 p.m. Mass, followed by the annual fundraiser at Almansor Court—a delicious dinner and super-fun auction on October 1st—to support our school! If I could focus on one thing about her, it would be her Little Way, because it is so helpful for the little people that tend to get overlooked and struggle with repeated confusion and rejection and shame and discouragement and powerlessness. So, here is her Little Way in a nutshell: trust and love, or confidence and love, or loving confidence (in God's love for her!).

Bishop Guy Gaucher, a Discalced Carmelite historian who has written one of the very best books on her, wrote: "The little way could be expressed in a syllogism. Major: I have immense desires but I am powerless. Minor: Now God never inspires vain desires. Conclusion: Therefore, by having confidence in Him, I will realize my desires (since He is the One who will fulfill them). We have not expressed the Little Way like this to reduce it to the level of rational logic, but to show that her love rests on a logic based on total confidence. "He has always given me what I desire, or rather, He has made me desire what He wants to give me" (MS C, p. 250). "My way is all of trust and love ... perfection seems easy to me. I see that it is enough to realize one's nothingness and to give oneself wholly, like a child, into the arms of God. Leaving to great souls, to great minds, the fine books I cannot understand. I rejoice to be little, because only children and those who are like them will be admitted to the Heavenly banquet" (*The Passion of Therese of Lisieux*, p. 170).

**Here are just a few thoughts on angels, from Dr Peter Kreeft's book, *Angels and Demons*:**

1. They really exist. Not just in our minds, or our myths, or our symbols, or our culture. They are as real as your dog, or your sister, or electricity.
2. They're present, right here, right now, right next to you, reading these words with you.
3. They're not cute, cuddly, comfortable, chummy, or "cool". They are fearsome and formidable. They are huge. They are warriors.
4. They are the real "extra-terrestrials," the real "Supermen," the ultimate aliens. Their powers are far beyond those of all fictional creatures.
5. They are more brilliant minds than Einstein.
6. They can literally move the heavens and the earth, if God permits them.
7. There are also evil angels, fallen angels, demons, or devils. These too are not myths. Demon possessions, and exorcisms, are real.
8. Angels are aware of you, even though you can't usually see or hear them. But you can communicate with them. You can talk to them without even speaking.
9. You really do have your very own "guardian angel". Everybody does.
10. Angels often come disguised. "Do not neglect hospitality, for some have entertained angels unawares"—that's a warning from life's oldest and best instruction manual.
11. We are on a protected part of a great battlefield between angels and devils, extending to eternity.

Angels are sentinels standing at the crossroads where life meets death. They work especially at moments of crisis, at the brink of disaster—for bodies, for souls, and for nations.

To continue our little series on fear vs. trust, let us look this week at doubt (on the following page).

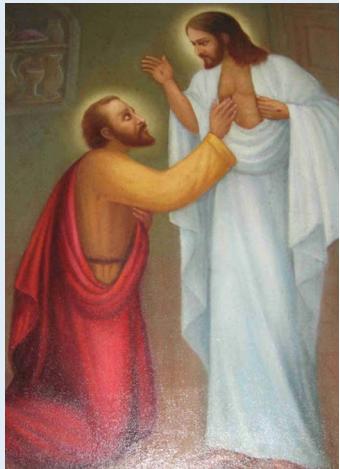
Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph,  
Fr. Thomas of the Trinity

# DOUBT IS THE FOUNDATION OF FEAR

Today I choose to fast from the wound of doubt. If fear were a building, doubt would probably be the foundation on which it was built. We tend to treat doubt casually. The phrase, "I doubt that" is a commonplace one. There are all kinds of board and card games where doubt is an important strategy. But we should not be confused—doubt is a danger to our lives! It may come to us as a simple thought that makes us feel a little bit off. The thought may be something such as, "What if I'm wrong?" or "What if I make a mistake?" Before long, though, doubt has reduced us to fearful uncertainty.

When we recognize doubt, and don't allow it to take us to fear, though, it will propel us closer to God. St. Thomas told the other disciples that he would have to see the risen Jesus before he believed. But he did not allow his doubt to force him back to his old life out of fear. Instead, he brought his doubt to Jesus, where it was transformed in an incredible encounter with the Lord. As we continue our meditation, let's follow Thomas' example to go to the other side of doubt.

"Heavenly Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I renounce doubt and repent all the ways in which I have sinned because of it, particularly the ways in which I have doubted you and opened the door to fear. I reject doubt in every area of my life. I renounce any lies that I have come to believe, including lies such as "I'll make a mistake" or "I'll be wrong." I renounce any companion emotions such as fear, mistrust, and unbelief. Send your Holy Spirit to speak the truth to my heart that I am filled with the gift of faith. Amen."



## THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Let's explore what Luke says about the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the book of Acts. Luke's record reinforces what Paul says about the gifts in his epistles, although there is a difference in emphasis. Paul and Luke look at the work of the Holy Spirit through two different lenses. While Paul focuses mostly on the Holy Spirit's inner work of sanctification and His role in relation to our new life in Christ, Luke focuses mostly on the Holy Spirit's bestowing of power for ministry. Our theology of the Holy Spirit is enriched when we allow both of these emphases to speak, rather than when we try to conform the Spirit's activity to only one or the other. At the beginning of Acts, we find Jesus giving instruction to His disciples about the promised Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-8). The disciples are operating on their own strength, but they will receive power from the Holy Spirit. Their commission has been enlarged, and they will carry it out with courage and zeal and all the gifts necessary to accomplish the tasks set before them. Jesus' promise is fulfilled soon afterward, at Pentecost, when His disciples are gathered in the Upper Room in Jerusalem (Acts 2:1-4). The apostles had already received the Holy Spirit after the resurrection, when Jesus breathed on them and said, "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you..." (John 20:21-22). The coming of the Spirit was marked by the sound of a mighty wind, the fire that separated into what looked like tongues, and the experience of speaking in languages they hadn't learned.



Peter addressed the crowd, explaining that the outpouring of the Spirit was the fulfillment of prophecy spoken by the prophet Joel (Acts 2:14; Joel 2:28-32). At the end of his Pentecost sermon, Peter gave the command to repent and be baptized in order to receive the Holy Spirit. He concluded by saying that this gift is "for you and for your children and for all who are far off—everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself" (Acts 2:39), which means it was not just for those in the first generation of the Church.

**Signs and wonders:** As the believers began to walk in their new life in the Holy Spirit, "awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles" (Acts 2:43). Today, it seems that not all of the Church has made the connection between signs and wonders and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The gifts of faith, knowledge, discernment of spirits, prophecy, healing, and miracles are very often the means by which signs and wonders occur.

(Taken from *The Spiritual Handbook*, pages 68 and 69—available for sale in the Parish office)

Taken from *Lenten Healing* by Ken Kniepmann

# "The Little Way" Dinner & Auction at Almansor Court



Dance to "Modern Cocktail Society"

The Discalced Carmelite Friars of St. Therese invite everyone to attend **The Little Way Dinner and Benefit Auction, this coming Friday, October 1**, at Almansor Court. This year's Lantry Award recipients are parishioners Dr. Bernhard and Mrs. Kay Tittmann. The event includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a three-course dinner, silent and live auctions, and dancing to **Modern Cocktail Society**. To purchase a ticket or make a donation, go to <https://one.bidpal.net/stcsauction/welcome>



## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION | EVENING MASSES/DEVOTIONS

In today's first reading (Numbers 11:25-29), Joshua wanted to stop an exorcist whom he didn't know. In the Gospel (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48), the disciples objected because they didn't know the ones casting out demons. In both cases, whether prophesying or driving out demons, someone wanted them to stop. Why? Because the persons doing those things were not members of the group. In Moses' days, the two "renegades" were actually on the list, they just weren't present with the rest gathered around Moses. Both Joshua and Jesus' disciples thought they should control who could do God's work and who couldn't.

The temptation to control things is common, but we can't be at peace if we don't allow God to be the One in control. So if we see someone who has a spiritual gift, it could be God's way of helping that person to know about His love. It might not be prophesying or driving out demons. There are many non-Christians who are very generous or patient or wise, who could come to faith if they realized that God was acting through them. You don't have to bowl them over with evangelistic fervor. Just the observation that you see God's love in them might get them thinking about their faith. The Apostles Creed reminds us that the Church is catholic, or universal. All are welcome, because Jesus died for everyone. As Moses said in the first reading, wouldn't it be great if God sent His gifts of the Spirit to them all?

- \* MONDAY CONTEMPLATIVE CANDLELIGHT MASS: Fr. Robert Barcelos will be here on Monday evenings to celebrate the 7:00 p.m. Mass.
- \* TUESDAY SPANISH MASS 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 MASS & CONFESSION NIGHTS: Mass begins at 7:00 p.m., followed by outdoor Confessions at 8:00 p.m.
- \* +THURSDAY NIGHTS 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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Unrestricted..... \$10,141.00
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September 4 / 5 .....\$15,635.00
September 11 / 12....\$25,324.00

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

**This Friday, October 1, is the FEAST OF OUR PATRONESS, ST. THERESE OF LISIESUX. We invite everyone to attend Mass that day to seek her intercession. Both morning Masses and a special 5:00 p.m. Mass that day will be in her honor.**

# THE REAL ST. THERESE

A continuing bulletin feature, excerpted from *The Passion of St. Therese of Lisieux* by Bishop Guy Gaucher—No. 4

## St. Therese and Her Sister Pauline (Mother Agnes of Jesus):

In April 1897, it seems very clear that, within the community, Mother Agnes (12 years older than Therese) was the one who knew her sister Therese best. Not that Therese had given her a detailed step-by-step account of her rapid spiritual growth, but when Mother Agnes read the brown exercise book she had received from her on January 21, 1896—which she didn't read until later—she saw her little sister's transformation. Pauline—who had encouraged her on the way of perfection from her earliest years and had welcomed her to Carmel—had become unconsciously a spiritual teacher. During Mother Agnes' term of office (February 1893 to March 1896), anyone else, except her sister, would have taken the legitimate opportunity at that time of renewing the intimacy with the one who was then "her mother twice over". Pauline said, "Of all the sisters, she was the one I saw the least during my term of office."

Pauline's eyes were opened when she read the little exercise book of memoirs (Manuscript A). Thirteen years later, she recalled her reaction: "I said to myself, 'And this blessed child, who wrote these heavenly pages, is still in our midst! I can speak to her, see her, and touch her. Oh! how unknown she is here! And how I am going to appreciate her more now!'" And so the roles were gradually reversed, and Mother Agnes, in her turn, sought counsel from her "daughter".

However, she did not know her completely. Not only did she not know about certain depths of her being, but she was also ignorant of such an important fact in her life as the two incidents of hemoptyses [the coughing up of blood] that occurred in April 1896, for example. When Therese told her about these on the evening of May 30, Mother Agnes was stunned by the bitter discovery of the extent of the disease: her sister was going to die. The older sister's reaction resulted in the writing of Manuscript C, and the later "Conversations," which she left for posterity. When Mother Agnes obtained the prioress' permission to sit by her sick sister's bedside each day, she was thirty-six years of age.

During her term of office, Pauline showed her ability to govern as prioress, and was not under Mother Marie de Gonzague's influence, as the latter had more or less consciously hoped she would be. She knew how to govern—although not without suffering and making concessions. But her keen sensitivity often caused her to waver. Therese was to do all she could to alleviate the pain of her "little mother" who was faced with her sister's approaching death. (Next week: Her sisters Marie and Celine)



## NOVENA TO ST. THERESE



(We will continue praying this after every Mass through September 30)



O Glorious St. Therese, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I implore your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul that our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a prodigy of miracles, the greatest saint of modern times. I fervently pray to you to answer my petition (*pause for silent prayer*) and to fulfill your promise of spending Heaven doing good upon earth. Henceforth, dear Little Flower of Jesus, I will fulfill your plea "to be made known everywhere," and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



You still have time to register your child in our **\*Sunday morning Religious Education Program for Elementary Grades and in our \*Thursday evening Confirmation**

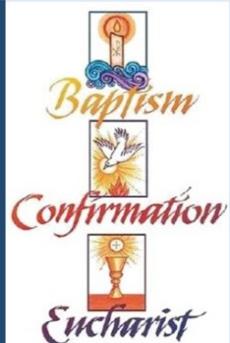
**Program for High School Grades** (\*Sundays from 9:00 a.m. Mass through 11:45 a.m. and \*Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.). The fees are: 1st-year First Communion, \$90; 2nd-year First Communion, \$110; all other elementary grades, \$50; 1st-year Confirmation, \$140. You can find the registration forms on our website under the link "Religious Ed".

# R.C.I.A.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Any non-Catholics interested in becoming Catholic AND anyone baptized Catholic but who never received First Holy Communion or Confirmation, should attend RCIA.

The group meets on Saturdays from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. The fee is \$150 for the year. You can find the Registration form on our website under the link "Religious Ed". Also on the form is information about choosing a sponsor.



# SCHOOL NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY FOR 2021-2022



The School, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color or national and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the School. The School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single sex schools.

While the School does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the School are based upon the student's emotional, academic and physical abilities and the resources available to the School in meeting the student's needs.

St. Therese Carmelite School publishes the above policy in the staff and parent/student handbooks, public relations/recruitment brochures and in other publications such as the Parish bulletin and School newspaper. The School also publishes applicable grievance procedures in the staff and parent/student handbooks.

## OCTOBER IS . . . RESPECT LIFE MONTH

The Kick-Off Mass for Respect Life Month will be **NEXT Sunday, October 3, at 11:00 a.m.** On that day, after both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses, **we will host a bake sale in front of the church.** All proceeds will go toward the costs of upcoming pro-life events. Please stop by and purchase something—for your enjoyment and for our needs.

St. Joseph,  
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of Life,  
pray for us!



"For a Christian to speak or act publicly in a pro-choice manner is a scandal to the Gospel and Name of Jesus Christ." *Fr. Frank Pavone, Director, Priests for Life*

# Mass Intentions

September 25–October 2, 2021

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Therese Kim, RIP

Sunday

\*7:30 am: Thanh Ha Tien Nguyen, INT

7:30 a.m.: Teresita Buenavente, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Sean Cox, Birthday INT

1:00 p.m.: Tony Holguin, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Ronald Coleman, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Michael Solichin, Birthday INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Joseph Can Kim Dang, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Daisy Thompson, INT

7:00 p.m.: Florence Schroeder, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Diana Tharp, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Raul Buenavente, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Brigit Grimm, 22nd Birthday INT

7:00 p.m.: (Span): Hector Reyes, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Park Soon Maria, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Hung Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Susan Anderson Duffy, RIP

7:00 pm: Rosario "Charitt" Torres, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Daisy Thompson, INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Dominic Ly Cam Huy, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Suzanne Phaneuf, RIP

7:00 pm: Cynthia Murphy/Bruce Reynolds, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Josie Villacorta RIP

\*7:30 am: Sr. Brenda Marie, OCD, B-Day INT

8:00 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

Saturday:

\*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Philip Yan, RIP

**\*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite**

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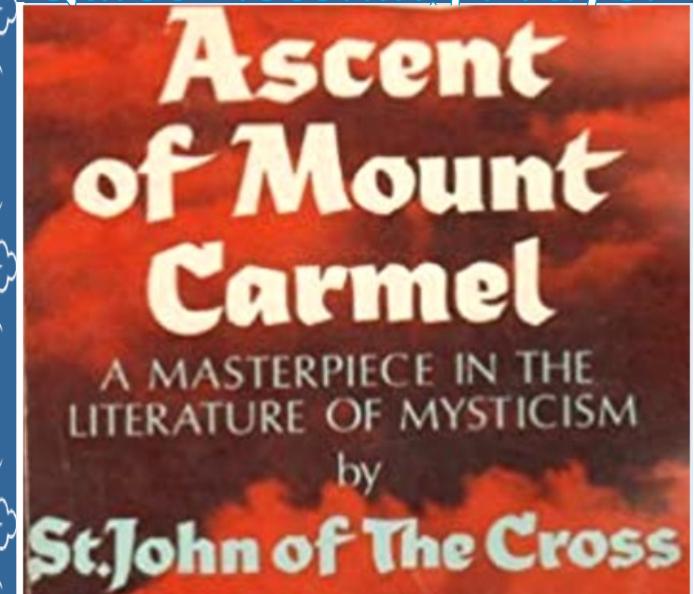
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Mon.-Sat.**

## LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

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



Hence we will delineate some signs and indications by which one can judge whether it is the opportune time for the spiritual person to discontinue meditation... The third and surest sign is that a person likes to remain alone in loving awareness of God, without particular considerations, in interior peace and quiet and repose, and without the acts and exercises (at least discursive, those in which one progresses from point to point) of the intellect, memory, and will. Such a one prefers to remain only in the general loving awareness and knowledge we mentioned, without any particular knowledge or understanding (Book 2, Chapter 13, Nos. 1 and 4).

## PERSONAL ADS

Lady seeks a female roommate for a 2-BR apt in Pasadena. \$850/month + utilities and a \$500 deposit. Covered parking provided. Contact Connie at 316-6281.

Carmelite Sisters IN NEED OF Maintenance Worker: PT 25 flexible hours per week for Casa Convent, in Duarte. If interested, call 665-6559 for more info. To apply, go to:

[https://recruiting.myapps.paychex.com/appone/MainInfoReq.asp?R\\_ID=398483](https://recruiting.myapps.paychex.com/appone/MainInfoReq.asp?R_ID=398483)

Seeking part-time housekeeping help for a disabled senior near Alhambra. Location accessible by bus. Call Mary at 840-0955.

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