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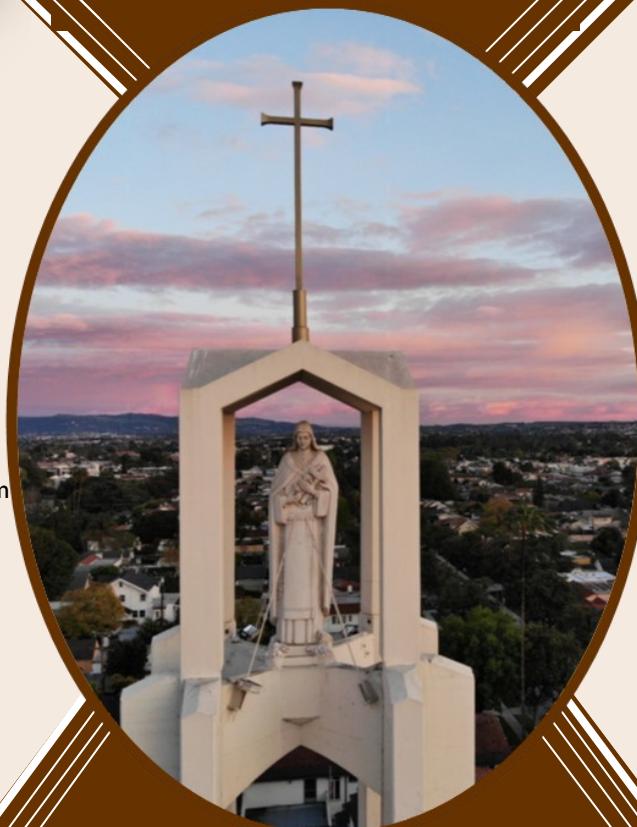
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**and Sunday Evening at 5:00 p.m.;**

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# New Assignments for the Carmelite Friars!

During the week of August 24, 2020, the Carmelite Friars held their triennial Provincial Council Meetings. The Council has made the following assignments and reassessments (note: names of the friars who will be assigned/reassigned to St. Therese are in **BOLD RED**):

FRIAR	CURRENT ASSIGNMENT	NEW ASSIGNMENT
Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD ...Goodbye, Fr. Philip!	Pastor of St. Therese	Superior of the Carmelite Mission in Uganda, Africa
Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD ...Goodbye, Fr. Matthias!	Chaplain of Saint Therese Carmelite School and Coordinator of Cor Jesu Youth Ministry at St. Therese Church	Vocation Director and Postulant Master at Mount St. Joseph in San Jose, California
Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD	Professor at Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon	Pastor of St. Therese Parish in Alhambra
Fr. David Guzman, OCD	Associate Pastor of St. Therese	Reassigned as Associate Pastor at St. Therese
Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD	Assistant Retreat Director at El Carmelo in Redlands	In Residence at St. Therese Church (Mass Celebrant / Confessor)
Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD	In Residence at St. Therese Church (retired)	Reassigned to be in residence at St. Therese Church (retired)
Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD	In Residence at St. Therese Church / 7th Grade Teacher at Saint Therese Carmelite School	Reassigned—In Residence at St. Therese Church / 7th Grade Teacher at Saint Therese Carmelite School
Fr. Godfrey Chandya, OCD	Associate Pastor at Santa Cruz Carmelite Parish in Tucson, Arizona	In Residence at St. Therese Church (Mass Celebrant / Confessor)

IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN . . .

We will have a short bio for each of the Friars who has been assigned or reassigned to St. Therese Church and School.



# Comings and Goings

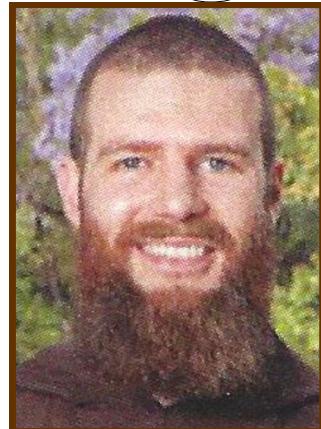
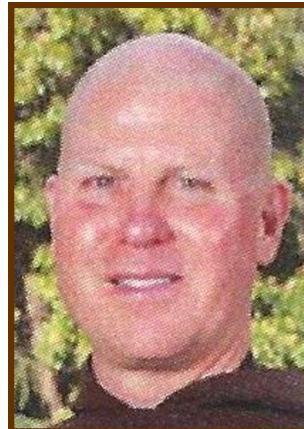
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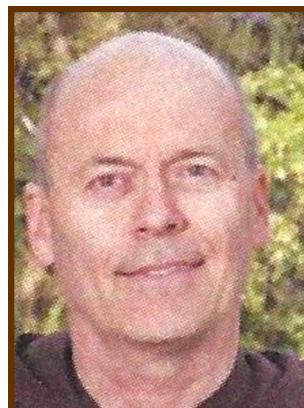


## Joining Us...

Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD

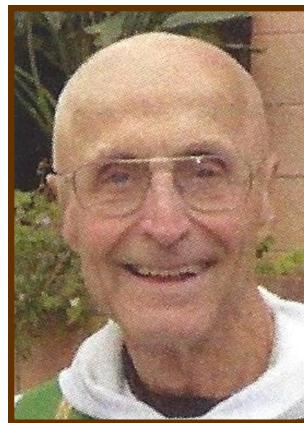
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Fr. Godfrey Chandya, OCD



## Returning to Us...

Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD



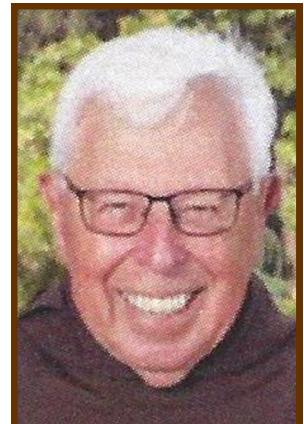
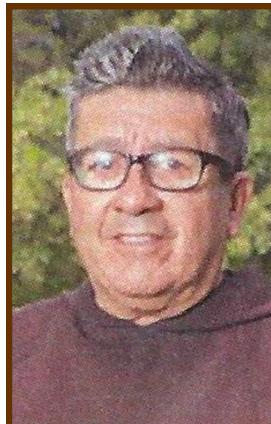
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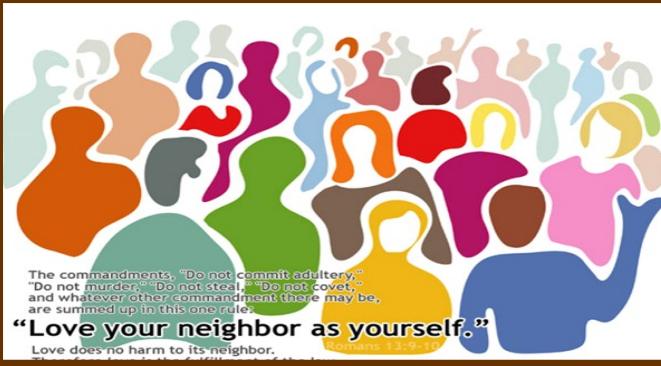
Fr. David Guzman, OCD,

Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD

and

Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD





Owe nothing to anyone, except to

*love one another.*

Romans 13:8

# Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2020

## A HIGHER STANDARD

Our culture tempts us to think that any action is allowed as long as it doesn't hurt anyone else. Today's readings show us how sadly narrow-minded that thinking is. They call us to a much higher standard, one that recognizes the majestic dignity of each human person. Ezekiel reminds us that the wicked acts of one person always affect the whole human community. Even if the sin is a private one, we are all responsible for shining light into the darkness. Matthew's Gospel echoes this idea, providing practical tips for bringing healing and reconciliation to sinful or broken relationships. Today's readings also show us the deep implications of sin: a failure to love. Saint Paul urges us to avoid sin and obey the law. The best way to do this, he professes, is to love. Love leads us from mere coexistence to genuine companionship.

## THE WAY OF LOVE

Although today's readings might seem drearily preoccupied with sin, Saint Paul explains why sin is important to discuss: because every sin reduces the amount of love in the world. Paul turns the focus from sin to love when he writes, "Love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10). What power that verse contains! If we begin each day by reciting that verse, we would be well on our way to a more generous life—not only avoiding sin as much as possible, but also actively seeking out ways to make life sweeter for our neighbors. Memorized verses inspire us when we face difficulties during the day, when we are irritated with someone, for example, or we need to make a decision. Remembering that "love is the fulfillment of the law" might truly help us avoid sin and do good in daily life.

## THE WAY OF PRAYER

Learning a scripture verse by heart is, of course, a way of praying. In today's Gospel, Jesus encourages us to pray. Jesus firmly believes in the power of prayer, going so far as to guarantee results: "I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." Jesus promises something else, too, something vitally important. More than a game of Go Fish in which we hope we "got what we asked for," prayer is a living encounter with Jesus himself: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Today's readings move us beyond the bare minimum and open an enormous world to us. We shun the pettiness of sin not because we fear punishment, but because we want to love others deeply. We pray to our great God not because we want to get favors from a divine vending machine, but because we want to spend time with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 33:7–9  
Psalm 95:1–2, 6–9  
Romans 13:8–10  
Matthew 18:15–20

# Today's Scripture Readings

If you ever thought that living as a Christian was always going to be easy, today's readings will convince you that this is not so. In the first reading from **Ezekiel (33:7–9)**, the prophet was sent to convince the people in Jerusalem to return to God and God's ways; he bore rejection as a result of fulfilling his mission. In the second reading (**Romans 13:8–10**), St. Paul captures what lies behind these instructions: Love. "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law." When we are tempted to walk away from a friend or co-worker with whom we disagree, or even more so when we worry that the person has turned away from the Lord, we are instead called to reach out in love. In today's Gospel (**Matthew 18:15–20**), Jesus instructs His followers to work toward reconciliation when they have been wronged, rather than remaining caught in anger or disappointment.

The truth is, love is sometimes wonderfully charged with light and life, but it also often requires us to confront wrongdoing and injustice, to be patient and forgiving, and to work for peace and reconciliation. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to reflect the love of God which desires the best for every person and for all of humanity. Jesus was so committed to this mission of God's love that He gave Himself as an offering of pure sacrifice. This is not easy love. It is compelling love, the sort of love that transforms and draws us toward the light and life that in our hearts we know we seek, and which we are called to share.

Where does this leave us when we experience conflict with others? As in all times and seasons, the best place to begin is in prayer. Listen for the voice of God in personal prayer, at Mass, in sacred Scripture and other devotional reading, with trusted and faith-filled friends. Listen with the compassion of the Lord in mind. And when you hear God's voice, pay attention! This sounds self-evident, yet how many of us hear God's voice but ask that we not be called to the challenge and discomfort of the situation, desiring instead to hope that things will simply get better? Perhaps they will, but perhaps you are called to bring the light and life of Christ to the situation, in love, for love, and through love, just as Jesus did. "If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts," says today's **Psalm (95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9)**. We often know the depth of love to which we are called.

So what about that line about treating the sinner, who refuses to listen, as a Gentile or tax collector? On the one hand, the sinner should be excluded from the Church—excommunicated—if he doesn't repent. On the other hand, Jesus never rejected tax collectors (like Matthew himself, who wrote this Gospel) or Gentiles. He said he came to call sinners, to save them. He loves sinners. And that is the reason we are to confront them—not to punish them, but to love them.

In the final verses of today's Gospel reading, Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in His name, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us. Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he "does not speak out" to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible. We live in a "do your own thing" age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly, when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. May we all learn to fight evil with love!

"FOR WHERE TWO  
OR THREE GATHER  
IN MY NAME,  
THERE AM I  
WITH THEM."

MATTHEW 18:20 (NIV)



# 40 Days for Life: Let's End Abortion!



From September 23 through November 1, you're invited to join other Christians for "40 Days for Life"—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

To take part, you will simply stand in the public right-of-way outside Pasadena Planned Parenthood and peacefully pray anytime during the 40-day vigil. You are also asked to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information—and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help—please contact the coordinator at [pgrimm@righttolifeleague.org](mailto:pgrimm@righttolifeleague.org) or visit [40DaysForLife.com](http://40DaysForLife.com).



**Jesus said to his disciples:**  
**"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'\* If he refuses to listen to them, tell the Church. If he refuses to listen even to the Church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector" (Matthew 18:15).**

\***Deuteronomy 19:15**

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

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# Mass Intentions

## For the Week of September 5 through September 12, 2020

### Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Lupita & Juan Miguel Castillo, INT

### Sunday

\*7:30 a.m.: Corazon Aclaro, INT

7:30 a.m.: Leo Jaula Lacangan, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Fidelina Adan, RIP

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Jesus Banuelos, Jr., RIP

5:00 p.m.: Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu, B-day INT

### Monday:

\*7:30 a.m.: Mary Kay McMaster, RIP

9:00 a.m.: 1) Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, INT

2) Clara Grace Maringka, RIP

### Tuesday:

\*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Matthias, OCD, 2nd Ordination Anniv.

9:00 a.m.: 1) Kay Tittmann, B-day INT

2) Charles Chirdon, INT

### Wednesday

\*7:30 a.m.: Nina Cox, INT

9:00 a.m.: 1) Mary Kay McMaster, RIP

2) Mary Kay McMaster, RIP

### Thursday:

\*7:30 a.m.: John Bosco Chan, RIP

9:00 a.m.: 1) Mary Kay McMaster, RIP

2) Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD, INT

### Friday:

\*7:30 a.m.: John Bosco Chan, RIP

9:00 a.m.: 1) Arniliza I. Jimenez, RIP

2) James Mizerski, RIP

### Saturday:

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

9:00 a.m.: 1) Raymond Siy, B-day INT

2) Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT

\*Held at the \*Carmelite Chapel,  
215 East Alhambra Road.

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11:00 a.m. Mass  
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# Saint of the Week

## ST. PETER CLAVER (1581-1654)

### September 9

Nearly two hundred years before the Declaration of Independence proclaimed “that all men are created equal,” two hundred fifty years before



the Emancipation Proclamation mandated an end to slavery, three hundred fifty years before Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream,” and four hundred years before the election of an American president boasting African heritage, St. Peter Claver left his native Spain behind to volunteer for the Jesuit missions in Colombia.

There, he was horrified both by slavery as an institution and by the inhuman brutality inflicted upon the slaves. He solemnly vowed to become “the slave of the slaves,” and lived that vow heroically for close to forty years.

Not knowing their language, Peter began his ministry among the slaves by using the universal language of practical charity, providing medical care and a tangible though wordless assertion of their human dignity: **“We spoke to them not with words but with our hands, kneeling beside them, bathing their faces and bodies, encouraging them with friendly gestures”** (see Liturgy of the Hours, Volume 4, p. 2018). Then came evangelization and baptism. Holiness as human wholeness is seen through St. Peter Claver’s enduring witness.



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