



Saint Therese Church



January 1, 2017

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Established 1924

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(Unless otherwise indicated, all the telephone numbers in the bulletin are in the (626) area code).

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Deacon Couple: Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)

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Sacraments:

Confessions: Wednesday: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Saturday: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

Weddings: Fill out an application (web-site or office) six months+ in advance.

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-Annulments:

Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)

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-Bible Study: Debbie Robles 679-6370

-Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias
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-Grief Support-2nd/4th Wed 2:30-4p.m.

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Mike Stauffer: (310) 916-8419

-Legion of Mary: Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

-Little Flower Playgroup:

Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701

-Natural Family Planning:

Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

-OCDS: Stan Interrante 714-996-4164

-Rosary Makers: Mondays, 6-8 p.m.

Magda Contreras (213) 300-7776

-Silver Legacy for Grandparents:

1st Mon., 7 pm; Susana Martinez at 289-9362.

-St. Joseph Prayer Group: Wed.,

6:15 p.m., Lucy Marikian, 281-3706



Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. —Luke 2:19

Masses & 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.

Holy Days:

6:00, 8:00, 10:00 a.m., & 7:30 p.m.

Devotions:

Rosary: After Mon-Sat 8:00 a.m. Mass;
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-

8:00p.m.; Intercessors for Priests:

Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.; First Friday Mass
and All-Night Vigil: 7:30 p.m.

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Catherine Contreras (112)

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Fr. Charles Nawodylo OCD (224)

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Fred & Margaret Padilla (626) 282-0943

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Parish Vision Statement:

To be a spiritual Catholic Family focused on prayer as well as service to the Gospel through a Sacramental life. We envision our Parish as a community of stewards dedicated to building up the Body of Christ through active ministry while living the example of simplicity, humility, confidence and love of our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux.

CATECHESIS Q & A: DEEPENING OUR KNOWLEDGE

“Why Do We call Mary the “Mother of God”?”

By Catholic Answers



We call Mary the “Mother of God” because that’s exactly what she is. To understand why this is true let’s back up a step and consider who and what her Son, Jesus Christ, is. Since His Incarnation Jesus has had two natures, divine and human. These natures are completely united (meaning He is completely God and completely human). The technical word for this is the “hypostatic union.” Although Jesus has two natures, He is only one Person—God—the Second Person of the Trinity. For this reason Jesus is properly called the “God-Man.” (By the term nature we mean *what* Jesus is; by the term Person we mean *who* He is.)

Since the Son born to Mary is a single Person (and that Person is God) with two natures, Mary can rightly be called the Mother of God. The Person she’s the mother of is God. He’s not, strictly and philosophically speaking, a human person, as we are. This doesn’t mean that Mary existed before God (which is an impossibility). She is a human person with a human nature. She existed before Jesus’ human nature was created.

Here’s another way to look at it. A woman can’t be the mother merely of a nature. She can only be the mother of a person who possesses a nature. When a child is conceived, he is a person, not just a nature. The same is true of Jesus, or else He would be two persons in addition to having two natures. Since Mary is

the Mother not of Jesus’ human nature but of Jesus the God-Man, a divine Person, she is rightly called the Mother of God.

The title “Mother of God” is the Western Church’s equivalent of the ancient Eastern title “Theotokos,” which means “God-bearer.” In 431, the Council of Ephesus sanctioned the title Theotokos for Mary as a way of declaring and protecting the divinity of Christ. The title declares the most important truth about Mary: She is the Mother of God. When we celebrate this feast on January 1, we honor not only Mary but also Jesus, True God and True Man. We proclaim the glorious truth that in Mary’s womb the Second Person of the Trinity united Himself completely with our humanity. *“Taking a body like our own, He surrendered His body to death in place of all. Through this union of the immortal Son of God with our human nature, all were clothed with incorruption”* (St. Athanasius, *On the Incarnation*, 8,9).

In Mary, we see the portrait of one who knew God’s shining face upon her, filling her with grace (Numbers 6:25). Looking upon her with love and showering her with divine blessings, God prepared her to say “yes” to His plan that she bear His Son into this world. As Mary consented in faith, the Father gave her His peace (6:26), continually encouraging her to trust Him as she saw His plan unfold. How deeply she must have needed this peace, as she faced dangerous and frightening circumstances such as giving birth in a faraway city in a cave, or fleeing to Egypt in the dead of night (Luke 2:4-7; Matthew 2:13-15). In each situation, Mary learned to trust more fully that God would bless her and keep her (Numbers 6:24).

Because the Son of God took flesh in Mary’s womb, we too can share in these glorious blessings. We have been baptized into Christ; we have a share in His humanity. We are heirs of the blessings that God gave to Israel and in a particular way to Mary, the beloved Daughter of Zion. Like Mary, we can walk confidently in the blessing and peace of the Lord. The Son of God, who left His throne to become one like us, has conquered sin and death for all of us. Each day, we can freely receive the life of Jesus into our hearts simply by responding “yes” to the Lord’s call, just as Mary did. By Jesus’ sanctifying blood, we have been made vessels of the Holy Spirit, enabling us to cry out “Abba! Father!” as true sons and daughters of God (Galatians 4:6-7). The Lord is not far off, but very near; indeed He dwells within us through His Holy Spirit. Let us turn to Him and allow His blessing, grace, and mercy to shine upon us.

For
 God so
 loved the
 world He gave
 His one and only
 Son that whoever
 believes in Him shall not
 perish but have eternal life

John
 3:16

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

Because of the holidays, the bulletin printing schedule was advanced. The totals for the weekends from December 17/18 through January 7/8 will not be available until the January 15 bulletin. Below are the last four available totals.



November 19 / 20.....	\$15,243.00
November 26 / 27.....	\$16,494.00
December 3 / 4.....	\$17,515.00
December 10 / 11.....	\$18,118.00

“...for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7).

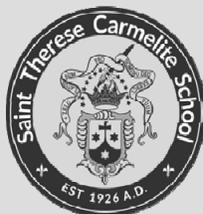
Thank you for your continued support of St. Therese Carmelite School.

SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

Deeply rooted in Carmelite spirituality, Saint Therese Carmelite School seeks to form students in faith, academics, and virtue through a Classical education.

“God would never inspire me with desires which cannot be realized; so in spite of my littleness, I can hope to be a saint.”
-St. Therese of Lisieux

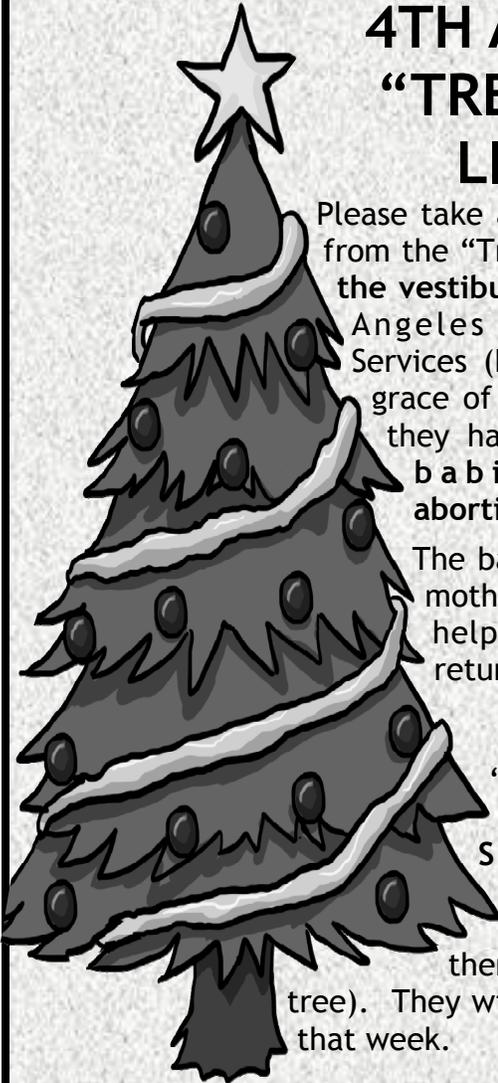
- Christmas Vacation through January 2
- Tuesday, January 3: School Resumes
- Friday, January 6: First Friday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- Monday, January 9: PSO Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, January 13: Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- Monday, January 16: MLK Day - No School
- Friday, January 20: Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- Friday, January 27: Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- Sunday, January 29: Family Mass at 9am/Open House 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Catholic Schools Week Festivities: January 29–February 4



Save the Date for our Silent Auction Gala on February 24, 2017

We encourage you to visit the school office to learn more about our wonderful school, to take a tour, or to spend a day with our amazing teachers and students. Please feel free to contact us at (626) 289-3364 or by email: admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com.

4TH ANNUAL "TREE OF LIFE"

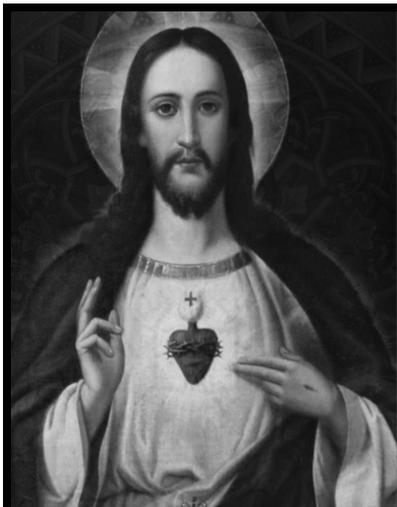


Please take an "ornament" from the "Tree of Life" (in the vestibule) to help Los Angeles Pregnancy Services (LAPS). By the grace of God, this year they have saved 352 babies from abortion!

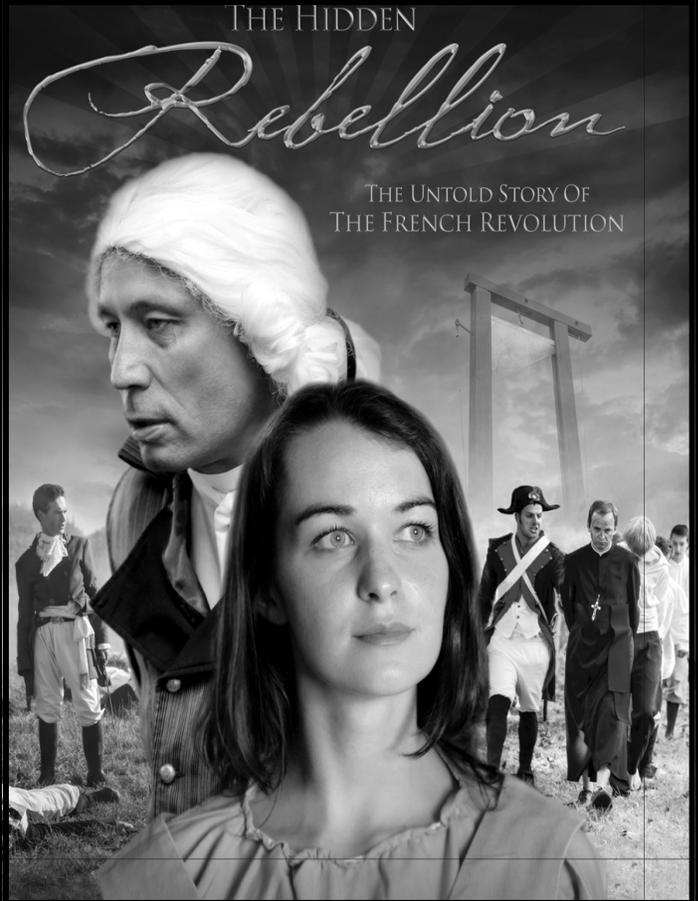
The babies and their mothers need your help. Please return the items listed on the "ornaments" by next Sunday, January 8 (just place them under the tree). They will be delivered that week.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND ALL-NIGHT VIGIL

The next First Friday Mass and All-Night Vigil will be this Friday, January 6, beginning with Mass at 7:30 p.m. Following will be an all-night vigil, conducted by the Alliance of the Two Hearts. The vigil includes led meditations and the Rosary. The celebration will conclude with a Benediction service at 5:45 a.m.



JOIN US FOR AN ENCORE PRESENTATION OF "THE HIDDEN REBELLION"



St. Therese Parish will host an encore presentation of a nationally-talked-about docudrama entitled, "The Hidden Rebellion," on Saturday, January 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. At its first showing last month, the Hall was filled!

Discover the dark side of the French Revolution and how modern persecution started, followed by the resistance of Catholics in both Europe and America. This is an engaging drama, full of substance, hope, and courage. It has been endorsed by Cardinal Raymond Burke, aired by EWTN, and presented by Ignatius Press--a Catholic blockbuster in the making! The movie will be followed by a Question and Answer session with its Franco-American producer, Daniel Rabourdin. Beverage and snacks will be available. All attendees will receive a raffle ticket for a special prize. A donation is suggested of \$10 per adult; \$1 per child (12 years and over please!).

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

You cannot find peace on the outside, but you can find it on the inside, by letting God do to your soul what Mary let Him do to her body; namely, let Him be formed in you. As He was physically formed in her, so He will be spiritually formed in you. The Eucharist began at Bethlehem in Mary's arms. It was she who brought to humanity the Bread for which it was famishing. It was she who nourished the Lamb whose life-giving Flesh we feed upon."



-St. Peter Julian Eymard

Our Chapel is open 24/7. To commit to coming for the same hour each week, please contact the coordinator, Ruben Beltran, at 284-0020, ext. 235, or rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com.

BAPTISM MINISTRY

Rhonda Storey, **284-0020, Ext. 225** In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **PARENTS & GODPARENTS** are required to attend a class from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library (next are January 5 and February 2). The fee is **\$100 per child OR \$25 for the class only**. Baptisms are on Saturdays (next open are January 21 and February 18) at 11:00 a.m.

SELECTING THE GODPARENTS: Canon Law requires you to have at least one godparent (may have two) who: 1) is at least 16; 2) has been Confirmed; and 3) is a practicing Catholic. A form attesting to this need to be signed by a priest from the parish of each prospective godparent.

ONE LIFE L.A.

Our Respect Life Ministry, along with members of the Alhambra Knights of Columbus, will be in front of the church after all of the Masses next weekend, January 7 and



8, to promote One Life LA, the annual Pro Life Event, and to take sign-ups. The event, to be held on Saturday, January 21, is FREE; it is a great way to "stand up for life" by being public witnesses to the sanctity of every life.

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Elementary Catechesis (STRE) - Pre-K through 8th grade (includes Eucharist Preparation classes) - Classes will be back in session next Sunday, January 8, from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m., including the 11:00 a.m. Mass.



Confirmation—High School Teens (9th Grade through 12th Grade) in public and Catholic High Schools! **Class dates** for candidates, parents, and C-2 sponsors:

C1 (1st year): NEXT Sunday, January 8, from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m., including the 11:00 a.m. Mass AND Tuesday, January 10, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

C2 (2nd year): Sunday, January 22, from 9:00 - 10:45 a.m., including the 11:00 a.m. Mass AND Tuesday, January 31, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

"THE SILVER LEGACY"



Grandparents! You are invited to our monthly meetings to discover how to support and assist our children with their own families. The meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month in the School's Parent Service Association Meeting Room (the last room of the school classrooms on the lower level (across from the south side of the Parish Hall).

The next meeting will be Monday, January 2. For more info, contact Susana Martinez at 289-9362.

SCRIPTURE & TRADITION

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace! Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

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"Octave" comes from the Latin word for "eight," and since eight is one step beyond seven, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the "Eighth Day," since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord's Day. By the seventh century, people regarded the eight days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the seventh century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too. Christmas didn't claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries, until 1969, it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God.

ON-GOING MEETINGS / CLASSES / MINISTRIES

AVILA YOUNG ADULT GROUP (Ages 21–39, singles/couples): Join us on most first **Saturdays of the month at 6:00 p.m.**, in the Guadalupe Courtyard, as well as for social events. The next get-together will be Saturday, February 4. For more information, contact Paula at 909-703-1284 or pgrimm.dir@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY: Join us **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** Following time for gathering, each session will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. For more info about these sessions, visit www.AscensionPress.com, or contact Debbie Robles at debrobles@me.com or 679-6370.

DETENTION MINISTRY: Join us in visiting the youth in the Juvenile Detention Center in L.A. To sign up or for more info, call Sonia at (323) 724-6443.

"GOING DEEPER": Adults are welcome to join us in the Hall every **Wednesday at 7:30 pm.** Each week Parishioner, Author, and Producer Leo Severino will give a talk about a topic of our Catholic Faith in order to answer questions about God, our existence, and His Church—during which attendees are free to interject questions.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group (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 meetings will be January 11 and 25.

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.

IRISH STEP-DANCING CLASSES: Irish dance classes are held on **Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall (for 45 minutes to one hour). Classes are for kids 4+ and for adults. For more information, please contact Kelly at (805) 421-7548 or 1stkdoc@gmail.com.

LEGION OF MARY: Consider becoming a member of the Legion. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Offices (Lisieux Room). The object of the Legion is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation. Every legionary is required to carry out a weekly apostolic work in the spirit of faith and in union with Mary.

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.

SILVER LEGACY: Grandparents are invited to discover how to support and assist their children with their own families. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the **FIRST MONDAY** of each month in the Parent Service Association Room of the school classroom building (last room on the lower level—across from the south side of the Parish Hall). For more info, call Susana Martinez at 289- 9362. **Next meeting is this Monday, January 2.**

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

For Week of 12/31/16 TO 1/7/16

Saturday—New Year’s Eve

5:00 p.m.: Linda K. Hesse, RIP
 Midnight: Yu Chu Wan Lan RIP

Sunday—New Year’s Day:

7:30 a.m.: Goh & Cheah Families INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Christmas Novena 7
 9:00 a.m.: Mary Stewart RIP
 11:00 a.m.: Parishioners
 1:00 pm (Latin) Mary Kowalski RIP
 5:00 p.m.: Angelina Brajkovich RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 8
 *7:30 a.m.: Yu Chu Wan Lan RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Jose N. Vales RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: John Benedict Odone B-day INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Christmas Novena 9
 8:00 a.m.: Dorca Sanchez RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Sr. Dolores, OCD, RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Asher Finch & Liam Stewart INT
 8:00 a.m.: Alvin De Guzman INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Antonio Cailan INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Dolores, OCD, RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Rhonda & Jeff Storey, 10th Anniversary INT

First Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Lily Edusma INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Dolores, OCD, RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Angelle, Francisce, and Karina Therese, INT
 7:30 p.m.: Carmina & Julius Doria INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Mary Rose Go & Edna Mancao INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
 8:00 a.m.: Yu Chu Wan Lan RIP
 *Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road
 Open to the public every day except Sundays/holidays.

Floral Dedication

Make a dedication in someone’s honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones!

Bouquets are \$45 plus.



Call Giovanna at 281-9049.

Personal Ads

LONG-TIME PARISHIONERS’ HOME FOR SALE: The 4-BR / 2-BA home of Andy and Joan Cullen (412 North El Molino) is for sale. The family prefers to sell to a parishioner before putting on the market. Short walk to Church/School. Contact Parishioner and Listing Agent Angela Lazzara, at 826-3717.

Outside the Parish

Carmelite Pilgrimage for the Fatima Centenary (June 7-15, 2017) to Braga, Coimbra, Fatima, Lisbon, etc. Cost: \$3,395 if reserved by Feb. 15 (double occupancy; single rooms not avail). Includes R/T non-stop air from L.A., airport taxes, land transport by luxury coach, 2 nights in Braga, 4 nights in Fatima, and 1 night in Lisbon—all with private bath; Daily breakfast/dinner & 3 lunches; Daily Mass. Contact: Jack & Louisa Day at (323)722-9339 or (323)360-5186 OR Caroline Syversen (800)334-5425/ www.syversentouring.com/Carmel.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE JUNE 25 - JULY 6, with Fr. Darrin Merlino, CMF, & Fr. Gaspar Masilamani, CMF. Visit Nazareth, Caesarea, Bethlehem, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, Cana, Bethany, Jerusalem and much more! \$3,999, Dbl. occupancy. Includes daily Mass, direct flights from LAX, fabulous hotels, breakfasts/dinners, airport taxes, entrance fees. Contact Albert and Mary Helen Estrada at 285-6687.

Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land March 21-31, 2017, \$3,949.00 per person including air from Los Angeles, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily. Mass daily at the Holy Sites. For a Flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JANUARY:



That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord’s teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

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