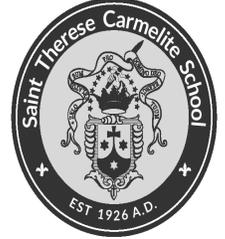




Saint Therese Church



January 15, 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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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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Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)

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-Bible Study: Debbie Robles 679-6370

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-Grief Support-2nd/4th Wed 2:30-4p.m.

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

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-St. Joseph Prayer Group: Wed, 6:15

p.m., Lucy Marikian, 281-3706



I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the
ends of the earth. -- Isaiah 49:6

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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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

"Should We Use a 'Priestly Posture' During the Lord's Prayer?"

Submitted by Rhonda Storey, Director of Religious Education



A discussion that is common in Catholic parishes, between the more orthodox members of the parish and the more “progressive” members, is whether or not the faithful should use the “*Orans* (Latin for “Praying”) *Posture*” during the *Our Father*. When such a question comes up, the obvious solution is to go to the rubrics. Unfortunately, in this case, the *General Instruction on the Roman Missal (GIRM)* is relatively silent on the topic. Because of the *GIRM*'s silence, many people have taken this to mean that the faithful may do whatever they want. However, this is not the case. In the document, *Instruction On Certain Questions Regarding the Collaboration of the Non-Ordained Faithful in the Sacred Ministry of Priests*, put out by the Vatican on August 15, 1997, we read, “In Eucharistic celebrations, deacons and non-ordained members of the faithful may not pronounce prayers—especially not the Eucharistic prayer, with its concluding doxology—or any other parts of the liturgy reserved to the celebrant priest. **Neither may deacons or non-ordained members of the faithful use gestures or actions which are proper to the same priest celebrant.** It is a grave abuse for any member of the non-ordained faithful to “quasi preside” at the Mass while leaving only that minimal participation to the priest which is necessary to secure validity” (*ICP Practical Provisions 6 §2*).

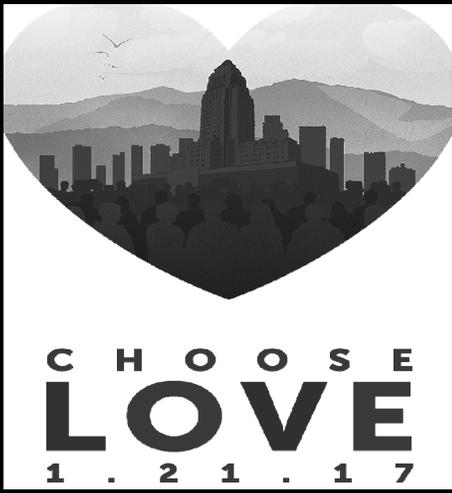
What the above statement means is that we may not say the Eucharistic prayers along with the priest. Believe it or not, I see people mouthing the words along with the priest every week. More importantly to this topic, this also means the faithful may not use the same gestures that are reserved for the priest celebrant. As mentioned above, the *GIRM* is silent with regard to the posture of the faithful during the *Our Father*, however, the *Sacramentary* (the book of prayers for Mass used by the priest) states that the celebrant is to pray the *Our Father* with hands extended. Looking back at *ICP*, the faithful are **NOT** to use gestures or actions proper to the priest celebrant. Using this argument, one would think that the rubrics could be used to appeal to the faithful. Unfortunately, many of the faithful view the rubrics as another set of rules and those of us who wish to enforce the rubrics are no better than the Pharisees.

In that regard, let us look instead to another reason why the *Orans Posture* (and subsequently, joining hands) is not an appropriate gesture for the faithful during the *Our Father*. The *Our Father* takes place during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This time of prayer and offering is directed to God (as is the entire Mass, but more specifically during the Liturgy of the Eucharist). As it is directed toward God, the extending and/or joining of hands creates a horizontal emphasis on the prayer, as opposed to the vertical emphasis that it demands. Many people who prefer joining hands or the *Orans Posture* argue that the *Our Father* is a community prayer, and as such joining and/or extending hands is a visible sign of that community. However, the *Our Father* is a community prayer, not because we join or extend our hands, but because we pray it together as the Body of Christ.

On September 3, 1958, the Sacred Congregation for Rites issued a document titled *De Musica Sacra et Sacra Liturgia (Instruction on Sacred Music and Sacred Liturgy)*. This document stated, “Since the *Pater Noster* is a fitting and ancient prayer of preparation for Communion, the entire congregation may recite this prayer in unison with the priest in low Masses; the Amen at the end is to be said by all” (*DM Prayers and Hymns § 32*).

It was at this time that the faithful were given permission to pray the *Our Father* with the priest. However, the faithful maintained the same posture as before: standing, with their hands folded in prayer. Prior to this *Instruction*, the priest prayed the *Our Father* on behalf of the faithful. The *Orans Posture* is representative of praying on behalf of others. **The next time you are at Mass, watch the priest’s gestures closely. Anytime he offers prayers on behalf of the faithful, he uses the *Orans Posture*. Anytime he is offering other prayers, his hands are folded together. Having a better understanding of what particular gestures mean will lead to a better understanding of the Liturgy.**

American journalist Hunter S. Thompson was dead-on when he said, “Anything worth doing is worth doing right.” We are talking about the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass here. The Eucharist, “the source and summit of the Christian Life” (*LG 11*), is consecrated here. Jesus Christ, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords makes Himself present during the Mass. It is of the utmost importance that we treat the Mass with the respect it deserves. This is not the time nor the place to get creative and inject one’s own style and preferences.



ONE LIFE L.A.

We invite you to join thousands in declaring a commitment to valuing and protecting all human life, particularly the most vulnerable in our community. The event will begin with a walk up Temple Street, across Grand Avenue and down 1st Street, culminating in a family-friendly picnic with music, entertainment, food trucks, and exhibits from community organizations. This FREE event will be held next **Saturday, January 21st!** It is a great way to “stand up for life” by being public witnesses to the sanctity of every life. For more information, call Gina De Los Santos at 213-637-7690 or go online to www.onelifela.org/event.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

January 7 / 8, 2017



Unrestricted.....\$12,566.00
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December 10 / 11.....\$18,118.00
 December 17 / 18.....\$26,881.00
 December 24 / 25.....\$27,885.00
 December 31 / January 1.....\$23,413.00

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

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

SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

“My whole strength lies in prayer and sacrifice, these are my invincible arms; they can move hearts far better than words, I know it by experience.” -St. Therese of Lisieux

- 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 from 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:
 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 289-3364 or by email: admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As soon as Christmas ends, it seems we start thinking about Lent and Easter!

Originally, the source of our Paschal Triduum was but a single liturgy extending from sundown on Saturday to sunrise on Easter Sunday. The two days leading up to the liturgy were days of fast, not only for the elect, but for the Church preparing to baptize them. A fifth-century pope explained that the Church imitated the apostles, who were in hiding with their grief from the arrest of Jesus and that, therefore, the Sacraments—even confession—were forbidden.

Inevitably, though, people wanted to come together, and so eventually a Liturgy of the Word developed for Good Friday. This was the first step toward today's shape of the Triduum, and gradually new ideas were embraced, including the veneration of the Cross and a simple Communion service. Interestingly, the Word remained central, since we know that in those days the pope did not receive Communion at this liturgy, even though the faithful had that option. In the other churches of Rome, priests and people received Communion under both species. Although the custom of Communion on Good Friday took hold, it did not endure past the Middle Ages. The central liturgies of the year slowly unraveled and disappeared from parish life. Remember that there were no seminaries in those days, and books were a rare luxury. Most priests could only manage to celebrate a simple "low" Mass, and few parishes could afford the ritual books that would guide a priest through the complex forms. Holy Week remained important in private devotion, but for a time the Holy Week liturgies virtually disappeared. —Rev. James Field



Ordinary
Time

THE
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TIME

Ordinary Time begins after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord until the day before Ash Wednesday—and then resumes after the Solemnity of Pentecost and continues through the Feast of Christ the King. The Sunday after that begins the Season of Advent.

For a few weeks in January and February, and then all through the Summer and Fall, the Church is in Ordinary Time. Ordinary does not mean “usual” but instead is related to the word “ordinal,” which means “counted.” In other words, each of the weeks in Ordinary Time has a number; for example, this Sunday is the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time.

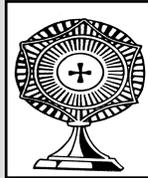
Ordinary Time is full of solemnities, feasts, and memorials of the Lord and the saints. In its last weeks, we observe All Saints’ Day on November 1st, and All Souls’ Day on November 2nd. The whole month of November becomes a time to rejoice in the communion of saints, and to remember that our true home is in the heavenly Jerusalem.

“God’s creative wisdom was at its best when making humans. There are four holes in the head for information to go in, and only one for it to go out.”

—Anonymous

“Some people see more good things in a walk around the block than others see in a trip around the world.” —Anonymous

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



"...Mary continues to stand alongside her Redeemer-Son in the Blessed Sacrament. It is consoling to recall that she who keeps perpetual vigil before the Blessed Sacrament, ever ready to encourage her pilgrim children en route to the glorious world of the resurrection. In the Salve Regina we 'poor banished children of Eve' hail the New Eve, Mother of the Eucharist, as 'our life, our sweetness and our hope.' And we implore her to 'show us...the blessed fruit' of her womb. "This our Heavenly Mother will certainly do; but, already here and now, she untiringly shows us the blessed fruit of her womb integrally present in the sacrament of the altar. As His handmaid and herald she urges us to draw ever closer to Him. For not only is He the source of life and holiness; He is the pledge and pattern of our bodily resurrection when the new world finally dawns."

- Fr. Richard Foley, S.J.

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.

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 February 2 and April 6). 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.

RCIA

Adult Faith Formation

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or completing your sacraments in the Catholic Church, please join us! January's sessions (in the Parish Meeting Room) are at 7:00 p.m., on Thursdays, January 26, February 2, 9, and 23.

For questions, please contact the DRE, Rhonda Storey, at 284-0020 (1).

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!



Men! If you are a Catholic and 18 or over, here are five reasons we encourage you to join us:

- 1) The heartbeat of the Knights is service; 2) We support the Catholic Church with outreach and financial help; 3) We are pro-family; 4) We are strongly and devoutly pro-life; and 5) We are faithful to the Catholic Church.

For more information, call the Alhambra Grand Knight, Mike Stauffer, at (310) 916-8419.

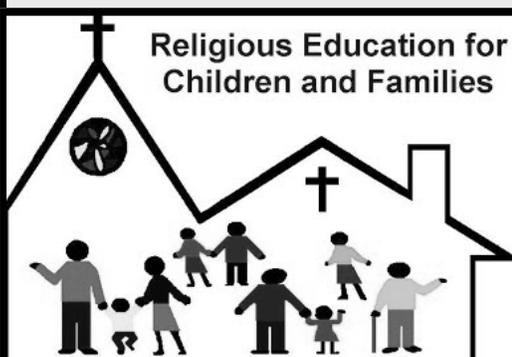
ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Elementary Catechesis (STRE) - Pre-K through 8th grade (includes Eucharist Preparation classes) - Classes will be in session on Sunday, January 22 and February 5, 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! **Upcoming class dates** for candidates, parents, and C-2 sponsors are:

C1 (1st year): Sunday, February 5, from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m., including the 11:00 a.m. Mass AND Tuesday, February 7, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

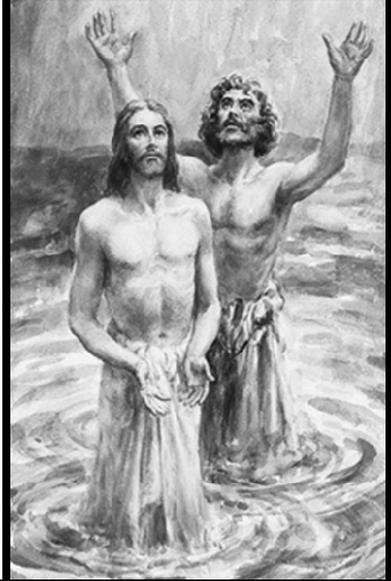
C2 (2nd year): Sunday, January 22, from 9:00 - 10:45 a.m., including the 11:00 a.m. Mass AND Tuesday, January 24, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.



TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Today we begin with one of the "servant songs" from the book of Isaiah, a song prophetic of Jesus' ministry of service. Isaiah's mission is not only to bring back the children of Jacob to gather in Israel; it is also to be "a light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:6). Jesus Christ, as servant, will be the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy and the basis of the new. This Sunday we begin a series of readings from Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Here Paul is identified by his mission: to be an apostle of Jesus Christ. The Church at Corinth to whom he addresses this letter is also identified as part of the universal Church. The Corinthians are called to holiness, as are all Christians.

Though the feast of the Baptism of the Lord was celebrated last Monday, today's Gospel also alludes to the importance of that event. The reading emphasizes that Jesus "outranks" John: His baptism in the Spirit will eradicate sin. Jesus accepts John's baptism, even though it is He Himself who is the Lamb 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 pg Grimm.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 meeting will be January 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 Monday, February 1.

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 1/14/16 TO 1/21/16

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Joseph Henry Dean Peterson RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Yu Chu Wan Lan RIP

7:30 a.m.: Lori Duardo RIP

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Zeferina Gomez RIP

1:00 pm (Latin) Munoz Family INT

5:00 p.m.: Antonio Cailan INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Danilo Matro RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Dolores, OCD, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Edgar Lopez RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Andy Cullen RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Teresa, OCD INT

8:00 a.m.: Ruben Ruvalcaba INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Sylvan Brody RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Dolores, OCD, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Alexia Salazar INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Pat O'Sullivan RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Nadia Hamden INT

8:00 a.m.: Ruben Ruvalcaba INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Therese Hong Nguyen RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Dolores, OCD, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Edgardo Francisco INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Andy Cullen RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Ruben Ruvalcaba INT

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road
Open to the public every day except Sundays/holidays.

Floral Dedication

This week's dedication is:

**In Loving Memory
of Giancarlo Moretti**



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

FOR RENT IN ALHAMBRA: 3 BR, 1 BA, pool/yard. \$2,300 per month. Call 390-8314.

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.

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.

Lectors

Saturday:

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

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Lily Edusma / Ron Sandoval

9:00 a.m. School Mass

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

5:00 p.m. Miriam Lopez / Gil Vargas

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