

Saint Theresese Church

January 7, 2018

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Established 1924

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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.

- Facilitator: Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)
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-Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias (323) 724-6443

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-Intercessors Prayer Group:

Blanca Ruvalcaba 281-7070

-Irish Step Dance Class: Marie Henrie, mariacahill11@yahoo.com

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

-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

-St. Joseph Prayer Group: Wed, 6:15 p.m., Lucy Marikian 281-3706



They opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
Matthew 2:11

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 Confessions: 7:30 p.m.

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New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Therese! Please register online or in the Parish Office.

510 N. El Molino St., Alhambra—**Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; 2:00 to 5:00 pm; 6:00 to 8:00 pm—**closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm & 5:00 to 6:00 pm** **Eucharistic Adoration:** Continuous, day and night. Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations. Coordinator: Ruben Beltran—284-0020 (2)

Reflection on the Feast of the Epiphany

A Homily by Pope Francis

“Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we have observed His star in the East, and have come to worship Him” (Mt 2:2).



With these words, the Magi tell us the reason for their long journey: they came to worship the newborn King. The star did not shine just for them, nor did they have special abilities to be able to see it. Their hearts were open to the horizon and they could see what the heavens were showing them, for they were guided by an inner restlessness. They were open to something new. The Magi thus personify all those who believe, those who long for God and their heavenly homeland. They reflect those who have not let their hearts become anesthetized.

A holy longing for God wells up in the hearts of believers because they know that the Gospel is not an event of the past but of the present. A holy longing for God helps us keep alert in the face of every attempt to reduce and impoverish our life. A holy longing for God is the memory of faith, which rebels before all prophets of doom. That longing keeps hope alive in the community of believers, which from week to week continues to plead, “Come, Lord Jesus”. This same longing led the elderly Simeon to go up each day to the Temple, certain that his life would not end before he had held the Savior in his arms. This longing led the Prodigal Son to abandon his self-destructive lifestyle and to seek his father’s embrace. This was the longing felt by the shepherd who left the ninety-nine sheep in order to seek out the one that was lost. Mary Magdalene experienced the same longing on that Sunday morning when she ran to the tomb and met her risen Master.

Longing for God draws us out of our iron-clad isolation, which makes us think that nothing can change. Longing for God shatters our dreary routines and impels us to make the changes we want and need. Longing for God has its roots in the past yet does not remain there: it reaches out to the future. Believers who feel this longing are led by faith to seek God, as the Magi did, in the most distant corners of history, for they know that there the Lord awaits them. They go to the peripheries, to the frontiers, to places not yet evangelized, to encounter their Lord. They do not do this out of a sense of superiority, but rather as those who cannot ignore the eyes of those for whom the Good News is still uncharted territory.

An entirely different attitude reigned in the palace of Herod, a short distance from Bethlehem. As the Magi made their way, Jerusalem slept. It slept in collusion with a Herod who, rather than seeking, also slept. He slept, anesthetized by a cauterized conscience. He was bewildered, afraid—as one who sits atop his wealth yet cannot see beyond it or of those who want to control everything and everyone or of those immersed in the culture of winning at any cost. Herod was afraid, and that fear led him to seek security in crime: “You kill the little ones because fear is killing you in your heart” (St. Quodvultdeus, Sermon 2 on the Creed).

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Those men came from the East to worship, and they came to do so in the place befitting a king: a palace. Their quest led them there, for it was fitting that a king should be born in a palace, amid a court and all his subjects. For that is a sign of power, success, a life of achievement. One might well expect a king to be venerated, feared, and adulated. True, but not necessarily loved. For those are worldly categories, the paltry idols to which we pay homage: the cult of power, outward appearances, and superiority. Idols that promise only sorrow and enslavement.

It was there, in that place, that those men, come from afar, would embark upon their longest journey. There they set out boldly on a more arduous and complicated journey. They had to discover that what they sought was not in a palace, but elsewhere, both existentially and geographically. There, in the palace, they did not see the star guiding them to discover a God who wants to be loved. For only under the banner of freedom, not tyranny, is it possible to realize that the gaze of this unknown but desired king does not abase, enslave, or imprison us. To realize that the gaze of God lifts up, forgives, and heals. To realize that God wanted to be born where we least expected, or perhaps desired, in a place where we so often refuse Him. To realize that in God’s eyes there is always room for those who are wounded, weary, mistreated, and abandoned. That His strength and His power are called mercy. How far Jerusalem is from Bethlehem!

Herod is unable to worship God because he could not or would not change his own way of looking at things. He did not want to stop worshipping himself, believing that everything revolved around him. He was unable to worship God, because his aim was to make others worship him. Nor could the scribes or Pharisees worship God in truth, because although they had great knowledge and knew the prophecies, they were not ready to make the journey or to change their ways.

The Magi experienced longing as they were all too familiar with, and weary of, the Herods of their own day. But there, in Bethlehem, was a promise of newness. There something new was taking place. The Magi were able to worship because they had the courage to set out. As they fell to their knees before the small, poor, and vulnerable Infant, the unexpected and unknown Child of Bethlehem, they discovered the glory of God.



FAMILY CATECHESIS NIGHT

CATHOLIC TRADITION TALK



Please join us for the NEXT "Family Catechesis Night" on **Friday, January 19**, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Center Library (upstairs). There will be a **POTLUCK DINNER** and a **break-out session for the teens**. This group is open to all families. For more info, contact

The next Catholic Tradition Talk will be at 7:30 p.m., on **Friday, January 12**, in the Parish Meeting Room of the Parish Center (2nd floor). Our topic will be, "*The Epiphany*." All are welcome!



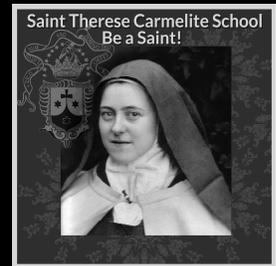
Rhonda Storey at 284-0024 (1).

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE!

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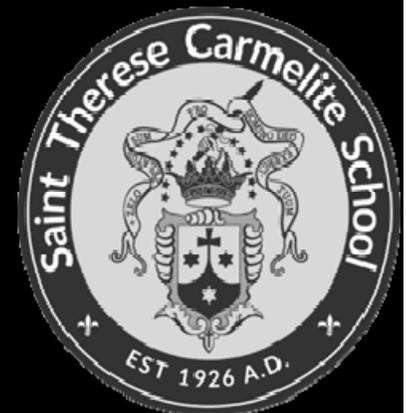
Deeply rooted in Carmelite spirituality, Saint Therese Carmelite School seeks to form students in faith, academics, and virtue through a Classical education.

"If every little flower wished to be a rose, nature would lose her spring adornments." -St. Therese of Lisieux



- January 12 (Friday): Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- January 15 (Monday): Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday, No School
- January 19 (Friday): Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- January 26 (Friday): Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- January 28 (Sunday): Family Mass at 9:00 a.m. and Open House

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



PERPETUAL ADORATION



All are invited to our Adoration Chapel (24 hours a day, seven days a week) to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It is locked between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., so anyone wishing to come during those hours needs to get an electronic

key from the offices (during open hours). Keys are \$20 each (refundable if you move away).

"Where is the new-born King of the Jews?" inquired the three Magi of Herod, king of Jerusalem. "Where is He?" they repeat in their great desire to find Him. "We have seen His star in the East, and we have come to adore Him. Ah, tell us where He is; we desire so much to see Him; we have made so long a journey in order to become acquainted with Him!"

But now there is no need of traveling far or of making many inquiries to find Him. He is, as we know by faith, in our churches, not far from our homes. The Magi could find Him in one place only; we can find Him in every part of the world, wherever the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Are we then not happier than those who lived at the time of our Savior Himself?

-Fr. Michael Muller, C.S.S.R.

RESPECT LIFE ROSARY

On Monday, January 22, the 45th Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, the Knights of Columbus (San Gabriel Valley Chapter) will once again hold their annual walking Respect Life Rosary in front of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals building (125 S. Grand Avenue), Pasadena (street parking). This peaceful one-hour event will begin at Noon. All are invited to attend and pray the Rosary.

For more info, email David at legisperitis@yahoo.com or Tim at jayod@verizon.net or call 422-3211.

BAPTISM

PARENTS & GODPARENTS are required to attend a class from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library (next will be January 25 and April 5). The fee is \$100 per child OR \$25 for the class only. Baptisms are on Saturdays (next open are at 11:00 a.m., on February 10 and April 28).

TO REGISTER...

go to our website and click on Sacraments > Baptism. You will also need to bring a copy of your child's birth certificate to the class.

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 needs to be signed by a priest from the parish of each prospective godparent.

For more information, contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0020, Ext. 225, or rhondalstorey@gmail.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FOR ELEMENTARY GRADES, HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION, and ADULT RCIA

ELEMENTARY: Classes are in session TODAY, Sunday, January 7, at 9:00 a.m. Happy New Year!

CONFIRMATION:

C1—Classes are in session TODAY, Sunday, January 7, at 9:00 a.m.; and Tuesday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m.

C2—The next classes will be Sunday, January 21, at 9:00 a.m.; and Tuesday, January 23, at 7:00 p.m.



RCIA

Upcoming class dates are Thursdays, January 11 and 25—at 7:00 p.m.

For questions, contact the DRE, Rhonda Storey, at 284-0020 (1) or Ruben Beltran, Confirmation Coordinator, at 284-0020 (2).



AN EPIPHANY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way, as once it guided the steps of the magi: that we, too, may be led into your presence and worship you, the Child of Mary, the Word of the Father, the King of Nations, the Savior of mankind, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

God loves
a
cheerful
giver!

2 Corinthians 9:7

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

This bulletin was printed before the Christmas weekend. Up-to-date totals will be available in next week's issue.

November 25 / 26..... \$17,238.00
 December 2 / 3..... \$19,761.00
 December 9 / 10..... \$33,307.00
 December 16 / 17..... \$12,934.00

May God
reward you!

Check users: Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

ON-GOING MEETINGS / CLASSES / MINISTRIES

AVILA YOUNG ADULT GROUP (Ages 21–39, singles/couples): Join us on most first Saturdays of the month at 6:15 p.m., in the Guadalupe Courtyard, as well as for social events. For more information, go to our Facebook page, Avila Outreach, OR contact the Coordinator, Paula Grimm, at (909) 703-1284 or pgrimm.dir@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY: Classes meet Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Following time for gathering, each session then begins at 7:30 p.m. Current session (“The Story of Salvation”) began September 6, but you can catch up on the Ascension Press website: www.ascensionpress.com). For more info, contact Debbie Robles at debrobles@me.com or 679-6370.

CHOIR REHEARSAL for the 11:00 a.m. Mass is every Wednesday (September-June) from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

DETENTION MINISTRY: If you're 21 or older, join us in visiting the youth (ages 8 to 18) in the Juvenile Detention Center in L.A. To sign up or for more info, call Sonia at (323) 724-6443.

EnCOURAGE: Standing fully by the teachings of the Church, we are a group of faithful Catholic parents who support one another and our loved ones with same sex attraction, through discussion, prayer, fellowship and sacrifice. Meet monthly in the LA Archdiocese with our chaplain in a safe confidential setting. Couragerc.org. For more info, contact your local chapter (EnCourage for parents: EnCourage.LosAngeles@gmail.com; OR Courage LA for persons struggling with same sex attraction: CourageCA.LosAngeles@gmail.com).

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: Every First Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (confessions are available during the Mass).

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group (originally 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 10 and 24.

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. Contact Maria Henrie at mariacahill11@yahoo.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: We are a fraternal order of Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen our faith through serving the Church & community. Call the Alhambra Grand Knight, Paul Gutierrez, at (888) 869-3124.

LEGION OF MARY: The object of the Legion is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation. Meetings are Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Offices (Lisieux Room).

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.

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 1/6/18 TO 1/13/18

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Theresa Marquez, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 am: Brigida Sanchez, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Fred Leathem, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Lucy Segundo, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Bob & Fran Meyer, INT

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Parishioners

5:00 p.m.: Gilberto Gomez, RIP

Monday

6:00 a.m.: Arturo Alday, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Patricia Locke & Vanessa Karam, INT

8:00 a.m.: Rhony Laigo & Ruth Laigo, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Enoch & Annette Mrtinez, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Brigida Sanchez, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Agnes Dolci, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Alvin Cailan, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Patricia Locke & Vanessa Karam, INT

8:00 a.m.: Jack Holmes, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Eva Haro, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Patricia Locke & Vanessa Karam, INT

8:00 a.m.: Luis Figueroa, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Kim Ki Chul, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Brigida Sanchez, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Dr. Sonny Setiady, RIP

Saturday:

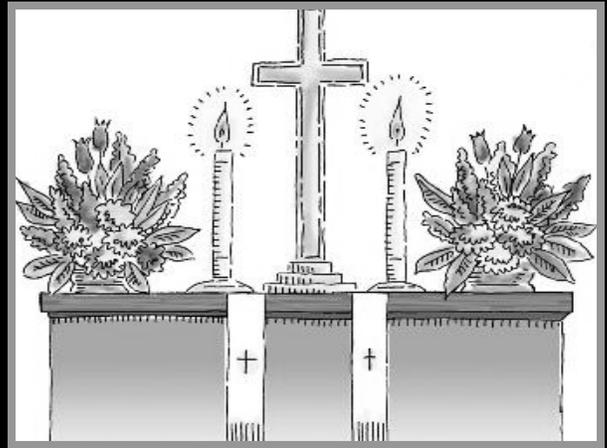
6:00 a.m.: Tai-Seng, Yu-Mei, Kuo Shang Huo, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Virginia Jarin, INT

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

Floral Dedication



To make a dedication (in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones), contact Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049. You may select the colors and the types of flowers.

Outside the Parish

The Pasadena Community Orchestra will present its second FREE concert of the season on Friday, January 26, at 8:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary of First Church of the Nazarene (PazNaz), 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena (1 block west of Michillinda Ave/ La Salle High School). The concert will feature Mendelssohn's delightful "Italian" Symphony No. 4 and his Overture for Winds. Anita Protich, Soprano, will join the orchestra in Beethoven's "Ah perfido!" (Op. 65). A light reception will be offered following the concert. Seating is comfortable (and wheel-chair safe) and parking is free. For further information, please call 445-6708 or see PCO's website at: <http://www.pcomusic.org>.

Save the Date for the West Coast National Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae! It will take place at the Ontario Convention Center on July 27 and 28, 2018. It will include a special day just for clergy on Thursday, July 26th. Featured speakers include: Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, Patrick Coffin, Professor Janet Smith, Dr. Thomas Hilgers, George Weigel, and more! For more information, go to <http://celebratehv50.com/>. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, please contact Katrina Crow at katrina.fcp@gmail.com or 626-292-1906.

Personal Ads

HOUSE FOR LEASE FEB. 2018: single story home on El Molino near church (4 BR, 2 BA, new kitchen, nice yard, detached garage). \$3,250 per month. If interested, e-mail Cambria at cammkatt@gmail.com.

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