



Saint Therese Church



January 8, 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)

Vocations: Carmelite: (909) 629-9495; Archdiocesan (213) 637-7515

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 at 284-0020 (2)

Wedding Coordinator: Erin Thibideaux (760) 447-5395 / EGPutman@gmail.com

Other Programs:

-Annulments:

Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)

-Avila Young Adult Group:

Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284

-Bible Study: Debbie Robles 679-6370

-Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias

(323) 724-6443

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

*Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight

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



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 All-Night Vigil: 7:30 p.m.

St. Therese Carmelite School:

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Fr. Charles Nawodylo OCD (224)

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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

"What Does the Church Teach About Consulting Astrology/Horoscopes?"

By Ruben Beltran (Confirmation Coordinator)



Since the beginning of time, people have looked to the heavens to discern their fates. The pagan world was ruled by belief in astrology. Pagans believed that the stars were deities or that they were controlled by deities. For instance, Apollo was the god of the sun, and his sister Diana was the goddess of the moon. In fact all of the planets in our solar system are named after gods (Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn).

Because of this common pagan belief, the Old Testament contains repeated injunctions against star-worship (Deuteronomy 4:19, 17:3; 2 Kings 17:16, 21:3-5, 23:4; Jeremiah 8:2, 19:12-13; Zephaniah 1:4-6). Today, the practice of astrology is still going strong, especially amongst teens. You cannot open a magazine or surf the web without

running into a section on Horoscopes. It's always some weirdo giving vague predictions of how your relationships are going or what future business opportunities to take. So what does the Catholic Church say when it comes to Astrology and Horoscopes?

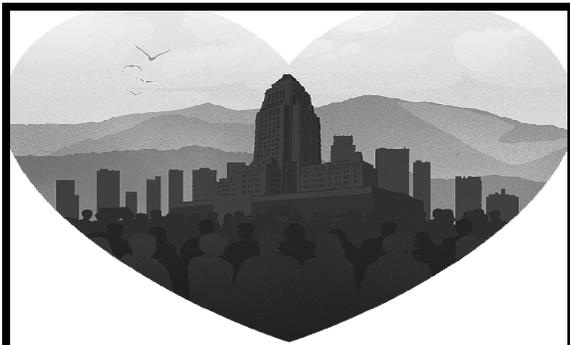
The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, *"All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead, or other practices falsely supposed to 'unveil' the future. Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone"* (CCC 2116).

Many times people will tell me that consulting their horoscope is all in good fun, but The Catechism makes it very clear that ALL forms of divination are condemned—no matter how innocent it may seem. Most of these astrologers, mediums, and necromancers (those who say they can speak to the dead) have been shown to be frauds; and those who appear to have these abilities gain their powers from malicious spirits.

The Church Fathers were aware of this and were quick to attribute it to demons. We must be very careful as Catholics to not fall into superstitious beliefs. We must avoid all temptation to want to know and control our future. If we do not, we will fall into the same trap Satan set for Adam and Eve. Like our first parents, through pride, we wish to grasp at the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge and become "like God". We must fight this temptation at all cost and trust in Christ. We must ignore the storms of life and focus on the King of kings, never being distracted. If we do not, we are doomed to sink as Peter did (Matthew 14:22-33).

So next time someone asks you what your sign is, simply respond, "the Cross".

ONE LIFE L.A.



**C H O O S E
L O V E**

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WALK FOR LIFE • MUSIC • SPEAKERS • SERVICE • FOOD

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 THIS 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.

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 next weekend’s 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.

“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 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.



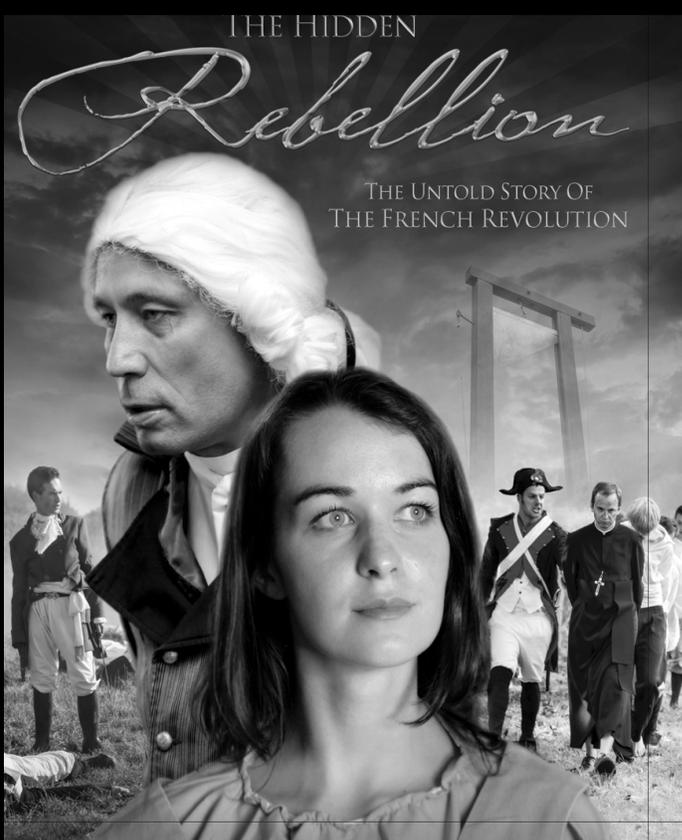
**4TH ANNUAL
“TREE OF
LIFE”**

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR THE TREE OF LIFE. Please take an “ornament” from the tree (in the vestibule) to help L.A. 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 **TODAY, Sunday, January 8** (place under the tree). We will deliver these gifts this week.

**JOIN US FOR AN ENCORE PRESENTATION OF
“THE HIDDEN REBELLION”**

THE HIDDEN
Rebellion
THE UNTOLD STORY OF
THE FRENCH REVOLUTION



**Legend of the
Candy Cane**

Look at the Candy Cane
What do you see?
Stripes that are red
Like the blood shed for me.

White is for my Savior
Who is sinless and pure!
“J” is for Jesus my Lord,
that’s for sure!

Turn it around
And a staff you will see
Jesus my shepherd
Was born for ME!



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 earlier this month, and 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

"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!"

Now there is no need to travel far or to make 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, CSSR

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.



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 12 and 26.

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 are in session TODAY, 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): TODAY, 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.

SCRIPTURE & TRADITION

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM: The tale of the magi from the East has much to teach us about what we can come to expect. Bethlehem was a tiny town, yet it was in this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence in ever-new ways. Epiphany calls us to recognize the One who comes to save us.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION: This year, in the United States, the celebration of the Epiphany falls on January 8, though its traditional date is January 6. That date was established as the solstice in Egypt in 1996 BC, but the Egyptian calendar lost a full day every 128 years. Twenty centuries later the actual solstice had migrated to December 25. By the time of the early Church, the whole period of twelve days was celebrated just about everywhere. Christians began to celebrate Christ as the true light of the world in four themes: the Nativity, the Manifestation to the Gentiles, the Baptism of the Lord, and the wedding feast at Cana. That was entirely too much for one day to handle! Thus early Christian celebrations of the Christmas season extended from one date for the solstice, December 25, to the Epiphany on January 6. The darkest time in the Northern Hemisphere could now be filled with the Christian observance of the arrival of the Light of the World.

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 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 1/7/16 TO 1/14/16

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Lauryl McGrath INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Christine of Mary, O.C.D., RIP

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Yu Chu Wan Lan RIP

11:00 a.m.: Therese Hong T. Nguyen RIP

1:00 pm (Latin) Peter Raab, INT

5:00 p.m.: Michael DiMaio B-day, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Alvin & Anthony Cailan INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Socorro & Elena Bejar INT

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

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

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Ed Broom, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Mother Teresa, OCD, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Luis Figueroa RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Mother Teresa, OCD, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Claude Edward Brown II, RIP

Friday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Sam Casper, Jacob, Monica, and John Park RIP

8:00 a.m.: Ruben Ruvalcaba INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Irma Jean Marie, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Maria Ferrá, INT

*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

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.



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