

Saint Theresese Church

November 12, 2017 Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars Established 1924

www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

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

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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 284-0020 (2)
- Wedding Liturgy/Rehearsals: Mary Putman MerryPage@gmail.com or (760) 844-2725

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-Bible Study: Debbie Robles 679-6370

-Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias (323) 724-6443

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

-Intercessors Prayer Group:

Blanca Ruvalcaba 281-7070

-Irish Step Dance Class: Marie Henrie, mariacahill1@yahoo.com

***Knights of Columbus:** Grand Knight:

Paul Gutierrez (888) 869-3124

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

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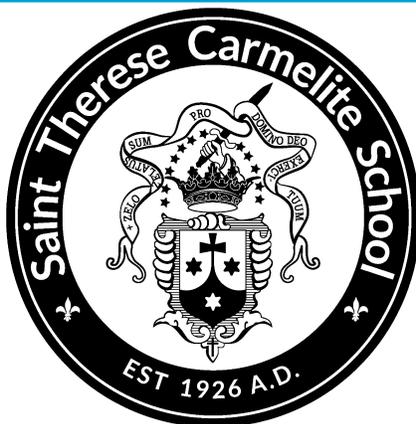
Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

-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



For more info about our school, go to:
www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

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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Youth & Adult Confirmation

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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)

CATECHESIS Q & A: DEEPENING OUR KNOWLEDGE

TOP 10 QUESTIONS ASKED OF CATHOLICS



We Catholics are often asked tough questions about our Catholic faith and its relationship to the Bible. Here are the ten most-asked-questions and the answers that should help you satisfy both your questioner and yourself. (**NOTE:** Due to space, five of these questions will be in this week's bulletin and five in next week's.)

10 Are your beliefs found in the Bible? All Catholic beliefs can be found in the Bible in some form, whether plainly or by an indirect indication. It is not necessary for everything to be absolutely clear in Scripture alone, because that is not a teaching of Scripture itself. Scripture also points to an authoritative Church and Tradition, as St. Paul says in his Second Letter to the Thessalonians: "Stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of

mouth or by letter" (2 Thess. 2:15; 1 Cor. 11:2, 2 Thess. 3:6; 2 Tim. (1:13-14; 2:2). When the first Christians had a significant disagreement, they didn't simply open their Bibles (which didn't even exist at that point) to decide who was right; they held a council, which made binding decrees (Acts 15:1-29). The very books of the Bible had to be determined by the Church and that didn't happen until the late fourth century. Therefore, Sacred Tradition and authority were necessary for us to even have a Bible today.

9. Why do you obey the Pope? Catholics believe that Jesus commissioned St. Peter as the first leader of the Church. Matthew's Gospel has the most direct biblical indication of the papacy: "And I tell you, you are Peter (meaning literally "Rock") and on this rock I will build my church ... I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 16:18-19). Based on this statement of Jesus Himself, Peter is clearly portrayed in the New Testament as the leader of the disciples. A pope can make infallible, binding pronouncements under certain conditions. Infallibility doesn't mean that absolutely everything a pope says is free from error. All Christians believe that God protected Holy Scripture from error by means of inspiration, even though sinful, fallible men wrote it. We Catholics also believe that God the Holy Spirit protects His Church and its head from error (Jn. 14:16) by means of infallibility, even though sinful, imperfect men are involved in it.

8. Why do you call your priest "Father"? "And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven" (Mt 23:9). In this passage, Jesus is teaching that God the Father alone is ultimately the source of all authority. But He is not speaking absolutely, because if so, that would eliminate even biological fathers the title, "Church Fathers", the founding fathers of a country or organization, and so on. Jesus Himself uses the term "father" in Matthew (15:4-5; 19:5, 19, 29; 21:31), John (8:56), and several other places. In the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, Jesus actually presents Lazarus as using the address, "Father Abraham," twice (Lk. 16:24, 30; see also Acts 7:2; Rom. 4:12; Jas. 2:21). St. Paul also uses the term when he writes, "I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel (1 Cor. 4:15; see also 1 Cor. 4:14-16) and refers to "our forefather Isaac" (Rom 9:10).

7. Why do you pray for the dead? The Bible clearly teaches the rightness of prayers for the dead in 2 Maccabees (12:40, 42, 44-45): "Then under the tunic of every one of the dead they found sacred tokens of the idols of Jamnia, which the law forbids Jews to wear. And it became clear to all that this was why these men had fallen ... And they turned to prayer, beseeching that the sin which had been committed might be wholly blotted out ... For if he were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead ... He made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." St. Paul teaches this in a similar way: "Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf?" (1 Cor. 15:29). This indicates prayer and fasting for the dead. The word baptism often symbolically refers to penances (Mk 10:38-39; Lk. 3:16, 12:50). The apostle Paul also appears to be praying for a dead person, Onesiphorus, in 2 Timothy (1:16-18).

6. Why do you pray to idols (statues)? No Catholic who knows anything about the Catholic faith has ever worshiped a statue (as in pagan idolatry). If we cherish the memory of mere political heroes with statues and that of war heroes with monuments, then there can be no objection to honoring saints and righteous men and women: "Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor" (1 Pet 2:17; see also Rom. 12:10; Heb. 12:22-23). Statues are simply a visual reminder of great saints and heroes of the faith (Heb 11), who are more alive than we are (2 Cor. 3:18), as is evident by their praying: "O Sovereign Lord ... how long before thou wilt judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell upon the earth?" (Rev 6:10; see also Ps. 35:17). The saints in heaven were never intended by God to be cut off from the Body of Christ on earth. They are involved in intercession, just as the saints on earth are and they are described as "so great a cloud of witnesses" (Heb. 12:1). (To be concluded in next week's bulletin)



Our Lady of Guadalupe Dinner



Saturday, December 9

This event will include a Silent Auction, a Live Auction with Fr. Philip of Our Lady of Guadalupe serving as the Auctioneer, a raffle for a Lladro Holy Family, and an Authentic Mexican Dinner!

You should have received four booklets of six raffle tickets each. The suggested donation is \$5 per ticket or \$25 per book (if you buy the book, you get one ticket free!). Call the School if didn't receive your tickets or you'd like more.

PARISH FUNDRAISER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Please support our Religious Education Programs by ordering See's candy for the holidays. Order forms are on the tables by the doors. All proceeds go to assist those who cannot afford the program fees as well as towards retreat and speaker fees. Thank

you for your generosity.

All orders and money must be turned in to the offices by November 27. Candy will be available for pick-up by December 13 or the week before Christmas.

NEXT SUNDAY! COLLECTION OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR THE POOR

We are seeking donations of non-perishable food items in order to prepare THANKSGIVING BASKETS for those in need in our area. Please bring these items **DIRECTLY TO THE PARISH HALL** next



Sunday, November 19, where they will be packaged and distributed. Your donations of **TURKEYS** are also welcome!

Remember... God will not be outdone in generosity!

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 and are refundable if you move away.

"We adore thee Most Holy Lord Jesus Christ, truly present in all the Churches in the whole world because, by thy Holy Cross, thou hast redeemed the world." -St. Francis of Assisi

"Every Consecrated Host is made to burn itself up with love in a human heart." - St. John Vianney (the Cure of Ars)



"Catching Up With Vox Vitae"

A One-Day Vox Vitae Workshop



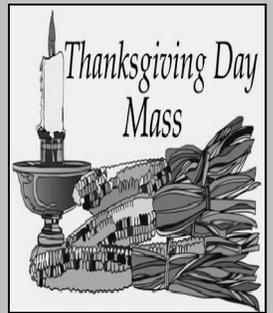
All teens and adults are invited to attend this special one-day event presented by VOX VITAE. It will be held **NEXT Saturday, November 18, from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m.,** in the Mt. Carmel Room in the Parish Offices (510 North El Molino Street). The day will include:

- Training for Sidewalk Counseling (includes Sidewalk Advocates For Life workbook)
- Talks on "First Amendment Rights: What You Can and Cannot Do" AND "California Anti-Life Bills"
- Info about OneLife LA (given by an Archdiocesan representative)
- Lunch
- 5:00 p.m. Mass

Admission is \$25 each (cash or check), which includes the cost of the lunch and the "Sidewalk Advocates For Life" workbook. To register, call (213) 395-8977 by this Tuesday, November 14.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 23, is Thanksgiving Day. Our **ONLY MASS** that morning will be at **10:00 a.m. (NO 6:00 or 8:00 a.m. Masses).**



Please come to start your day by giving thanks to God for all your blessings. Remember, the word "Eucharist," comes from the Greek word, Eukharistia, which means "Thanksgiving".

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

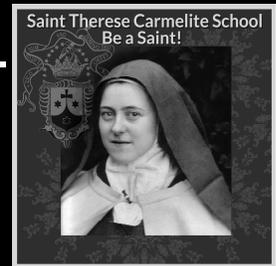
O Heavenly Father,
 We thank you for food and drink,
 and we pray for the hungry and thirsty.
 We thank you for health, and we pray for the sick.
 We thank you for friends, and we pray for the lonely.
 We thank you for freedom,
 and we pray for the enslaved.
 May these remembrances stir us to service, that your gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.

SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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

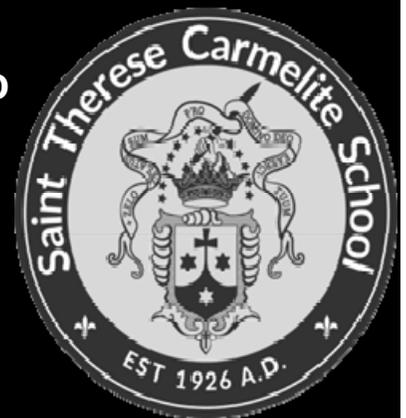


"There are many degrees of holiness, that each soul is free to respond to the calls of Our Lord." -St. Therese of Lisieux



- Friday, November 17: Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, November 22: Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- Thursday/Friday, November 23/24: NO School,
- Thanksgiving Holidays

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.



Teen-Focused Holy Hour

ALL FAMILIES AND OTHERS ARE INVITED AS WELL! The next High School Teen-Focused Holy Hour, led by Deacon Matthias, will be Thursday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m., followed by a TEEN-LED SOCIAL in the Avila Courtyard from 8:00 to 8:45 p.m. The families of the teens are encouraged to come as well. Of course, all parishioners are welcomed to continue attending the Holy Hour.

POTLUCK! **SAVE THE DATE!** POTLUCK!

Family Catechesis Night



The first "Family Catechesis Night" in October was a great success! The families who attended really enjoyed the topic of "Prayer in the Family."

Please join us for the NEXT "Family Catechesis Night" on Friday, December 1, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Guadalupe Courtyard. There will once again be fire pits, a POTLUCK DINNER, and a break-out session for the teens. The theme will be "Advent: Preparing for Christmas." This group

is open to all St. Therese's families. For more info, contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0024 (1). BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE!

Baptism Ministry

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.

PARENTS & GODPARENTS are required to attend a class from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library (next will be December 7 and January 4). 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 December 23 and January 27).

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

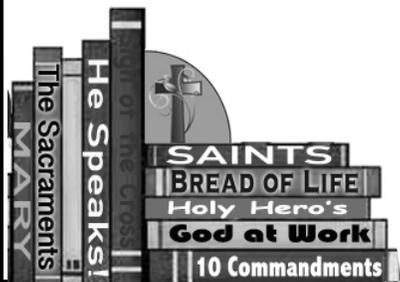
ELEMENTARY: Our next classes will be Sunday, November 19, at 9:00 a.m.

CONFIRMATION:

C1 The next classes will be Sunday, December 3, at 9:00 a.m.; and Tuesday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m.

C2 The next classes will be next Sunday, November 19, at 9:00 a.m.; and Tuesday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m.

RCIA: Upcoming class dates are Thursdays, November 16 and 30—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).



LLADRO RAFFLE!



Buy a raffle ticket for a chance at owning a gorgeous vintage Lladro figurine, "A King is Born" (the Holy Family). It is in mint condition in the original box with all the documentation (the current minimum retail is \$895). All proceeds benefit the School. Raffle tickets are on sale for \$2 each in the Gift Shoppe after all the weekend Masses.

The winner's name will be drawn on Christmas Eve.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

November 4 / 5

Unrestricted.....	\$15,127.00
Restricted	\$ 1,976.00
T O T A L	\$17,103.00
October 7 / 8.....	\$34,988.00
October 14 / 15.....	\$17,499.00
October 21 / 22.....	\$14,471.00
October 28 / 29.....	\$14,821.00

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

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 meeting will be November 22.

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 11/11/17 TO 11/18/11

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Melissa Taylor, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 am: Sr. Cecilia, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Dcn Raymond Michael & Terry Jaurequin, INT

9:00 a.m.: Yongshan Hua, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Rogelio Ramos, RIP

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

5:00 p.m.: Frank Caliri, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Paul Ricciardi & Kevin Rossi Families, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Cecilia, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Frank Caliri, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Frank Caliri, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Daniel Hummel, INT

8:00 a.m.: Maria Serafini, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Anna Nguyen, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Marianna So, OCD, 25th Anniv, INT

8:00 a.m.: Larry & Martha Campos, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Cardinal Burke, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns of Celaya, Mexico, INT

8:00 a.m.: Anna Nguyen, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Anna Nguyen, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Helen Hummel, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Delores McAllister, INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Lorelei Vales Sunga, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Pacita Piol, RIP

*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
Cathleen Thompson



Make a dedication in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones! Bouquets are \$45 plus. Call Giovanna at

Outside the Parish

GPS-Guadalupe Pregnancy Services invites you to a Celebration of LIFE featuring Fr. Kevin McGoldrick in Concert "Two Hearts, One Love" Benefit Dinner & Concert Saturday, December 2, from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m., at the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton, Rosemead. Tickets are \$55 each; make your reservations online at www.gps2017event.eventbrite.com OR call (323)-360-5186.

Personal Ads

FOR RENT: Cute, 1 BR, 1 BA, back house (550 sq ft), facing a beautiful garden. (Has refig, dishwasher, toaster oven, microwave). \$1,250 per month, including utilities. No pets. Credit report required. Leave a message at 215-3159.



FOR RENT: Single room in a quiet Alhambra neighborhood (the home owners are parishioners). \$550 per month. Call 826-8186.

Lectors

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Rebeca Willis



Sunday:

7:30 a.m.: Flora Santoso / Lily Edusma

9:00 a.m.: Lucas Setiady / Beatriz Pellayo-Garcia

11:00 a.m.: Andy Zepeda / Jeff Storey

5:00 p.m.: Miriam Lopez

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