

Saint Theresese Church

November 19, 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).

Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (222) **Associate Pastor:** Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232)

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Deacon Couples: Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (333); Deacon Gilbert & Frances Vargas (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 284-0020 (2)
- Wedding Liturgy/Rehearsals: Mary Putman MerryPage@gmail.com or (760) 844-2725

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-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.

-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.

-Natural Family Planning:

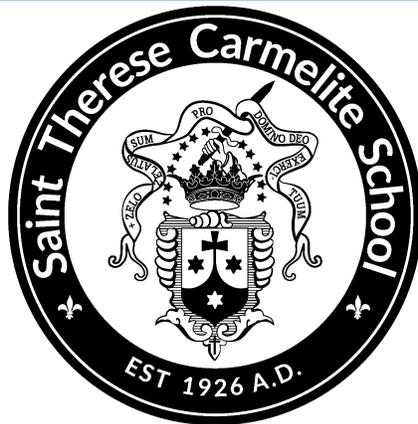
Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

-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



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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Bro. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD (224)

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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



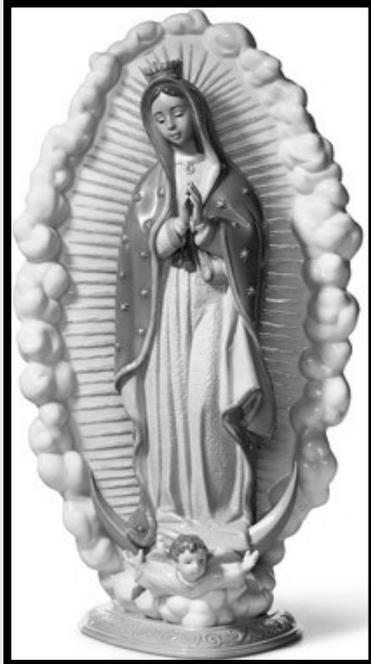
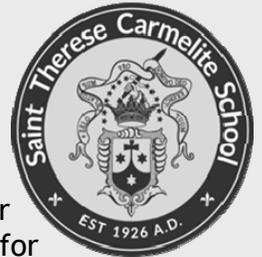
TOP 10 QUESTIONS ASKED OF CATHOLICS

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 (10 through 6) were in last week's bulletin; the final five (5 through 1) are below):

- 5. Why do you confess your sins to a priest?** Jesus Christ gave His disciples—and by extension, priests—the power not only to "loose" sins (that is, forgive in God's name), but also to "bind" (that is, refuse absolution to someone until a certain condition is met; for instance, having the intention not to continue the sin): "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Mt 18:18 - see also Mt 16:19). "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained" (Jn. 20:23). The priest serves as the representative of God and of His mercy. Confession gives new courage, confidence and a fresh start. One learns humility by this practice, receives additional grace in order to avoid sin and attains a certainty of forgiveness that is superior to mere feelings. Confession is also indicated in Matthew (3:5-6), Acts (19:18), and 1 John (1:9).
- 4. Why do you worship Mary?** Catholics do not worship Mary. We venerate her because she is the Mother of God the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Veneration is completely different from the adoration of God. It is the honoring of a person, not the worship of Almighty God, our Creator. Catholics believe that Mary is the highest of God's creatures because of her exalted role. But, of course, like any other human being, she had to be saved by the mercy of God. She herself said, "My spirit rejoices in God my Savior" (Lk. 1:47). We believe that God saved her by taking away all stain of original sin at the moment of her conception (the Immaculate Conception). The very fact that God took on flesh and became man (Jn. 1:1, 14) indicates that He wished to involve human beings in His plan of salvation for mankind. Mary was a key person for this purpose, so this is why Catholics honor her so highly.
- 3. Why do you worship communion hosts?** A consecrated host at a Catholic Mass is the true Body and Blood of Christ, not merely bread; so Catholics are worshipping Jesus, not a host. In the Gospel of John (6:51-56), Jesus states repeatedly that "he who eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood has eternal life" (6:54). He is speaking **literally** and He is so firm about it that, even though many followers objected and left Him (6:52, 60, 66), he did not soften His words to get them to stay. St. Paul agrees with this interpretation and writes that those taking Communion "in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the Body and Blood of the Lord" (1 Cor. 11:27; see also 1 Cor. 10:16). We don't sin against someone's "body and blood" by destroying a photograph (which is a mere symbol) of the person. Moreover, in the Last Supper passages (Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20), nothing suggests a metaphorical or symbolic interpretation. The Last Supper was the Jewish feast of Passover. This involved a sacrificial lamb and Jesus referred to His imminent suffering (Lk. 22:15-16, 18, 21-22). John the Baptist had already called Him the "Lamb of God" (Jn. 1:29).
- 2. If you died tonight, would you go to Heaven?** Catholics have an assurance of salvation if they are faithful and keep God's commandments (1 Jn. 2:3) and the precepts of the Church. If they die in the state of grace, they are assured of Heaven. But to enter Heaven, one must be perfectly holy, because "nothing unclean shall enter it" (Rev 21:27; Is 4:4; Mal 3:2-4). The cleansing and purifying of the effects of sin, which makes us fit for God's holy presence, is what Catholics call *Purgatory*. This is clearly indicated in St. Paul's writings: "Each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire—and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ...If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire" (1 Cor. 3:13, 15). "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body" (2 Cor. 5:10).
- And... the NUMBER ONE QUESTION asked of Catholics:**
- 1. Are you saved?** Catholics can be sure as anyone else that they are in God's good graces. The apostle John states that "you may know that you have eternal life" (1 Jn. 5:13; see also Jn. 5:24). But this "assurance" has to be understood in light of John's other teachings in the same book: "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments" (1 Jn. 5:3; see also 1 Jn. 2:3-6). "We know that any one born of God does not sin" (1 Jn. 5:18). "He who loves God should love his brother also" (1 Jn. 4:21). "He who commits sin is of the devil" (1 Jn. 5:18; see also 1 Cor. 6:9). Likewise, St. Paul does not regard salvation as a one-time event, but as a goal to be sought after, one that can be lost: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil 2:12; see also 1 Cor. 9:27, 10:12; Gal 5:1, 4; Phil 3:11-14; 1 Tim 4:1, 5:15).

Our Lady of Guadalupe Dinner

Saturday, December 9



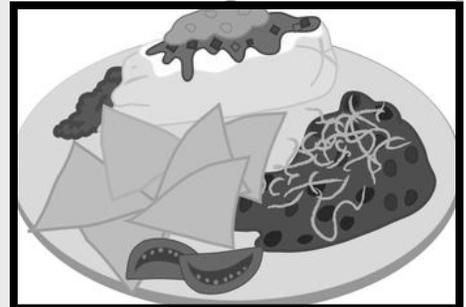
This Parish / School event, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on December 9, will include music, Folklorico dancing, a Silent Auction, a Live Auction with Fr. Philip of Our Lady of Guadalupe serving as the Auctioneer, a raffle for a Lladro Holy Family, an Authentic Mexican Dinner, and more! Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at the Parish and School offices (if space is still available the night of the event, you may purchase tickets at the door for \$25 each). Each attendee will also be entered into a door prize raffle.

Raffle tickets will be sold to win the following cash prizes: Grand: \$2,500; 2nd: \$1,500; 3rd: \$500.

Tickets are \$5 each OR six for \$25 (giving you one free ticket).



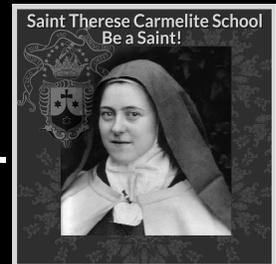
The winning ticket will be drawn at the Silent Auction Gala on February 9.



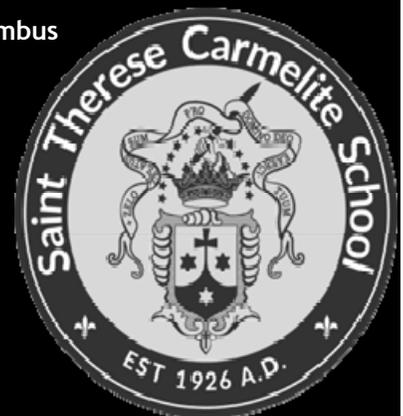
SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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

"My Vocation is Love." -St. Therese of Lisieux



- November 22, Wednesday: Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- November 23-24 (Thursday / Friday): No School for Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 1, Friday: First Friday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- December 8, Friday: Mass at 10:00 a.m. Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- December 9, Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta at 6:30 p.m.
- December 10, Sunday: Family Mass at 9:00 a.m., followed by Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
- December 12, Tuesday: Procession & Mass at 8:00 a.m. for Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- December 14, Thursday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. Feast of St. John of the Cross
- December 15, Friday: Christmas Concert at 6:30 p.m.
- December 20, Wednesday: Las Posadas at 11:30 a.m.
- December 21 - January 2: No School for Christmas 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.



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

This Thursday, November 23, is Thanksgiving Day. Our ONLY MASS that day will be at 10:00 a.m. (NO 6:00 or 8:00 a.m. Masses). The offices will be closed both Thursday and Friday. Please come to the Mass 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

Dear God, Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your sacrifice so that we might have eternal life. Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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.

TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19! COLLECTION OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR THE POOR

Please bring your donations directly to the Parish Hall today, November 19. All contributions will be used to prepare THANKSGIVING BASKETS for those in need in our area.



Your donations of TURKEYS are also welcome!

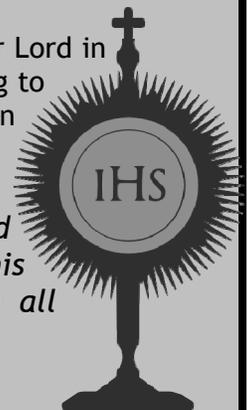
Remember... God will not be outdone in generosity!

PERPETUAL ADORATION

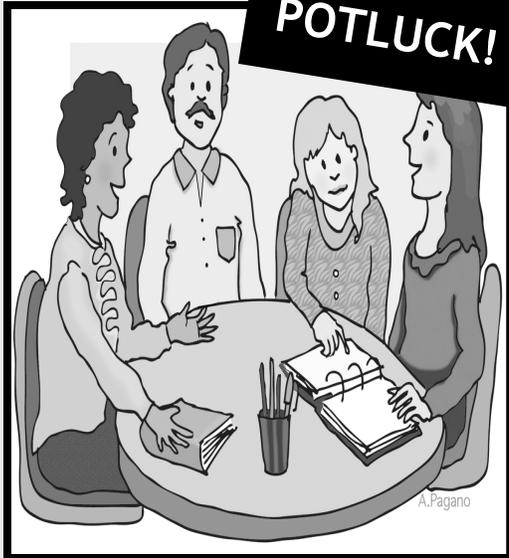
All are invited to our Adoration Chapel (24 hours a day, seven days a week) to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It is locked between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., so anyone wishing to come during those hours needs to get an electronic key from the offices (during open hours). Keys are \$20 each and are refundable if you move away.

"I hope that this form of Adoration, with permanent exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, will continue into the future. Specifically, I hope that the fruit of this Congress results in the establishment of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in all parishes and Christian communities throughout the world."

-Pope St. John Paul II



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: Classes are in session TODAY, Sunday, November 19, and on Sunday, December 3, 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—Classes are in session TODAY, Sunday, November 19, at 9:00 a.m.; and this Tuesday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m.

RCIA: Upcoming class dates are Thursdays, November 30, December 7, 14, and 21—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 11 / 12

Unrestricted.....	\$17,096.00
Restricted	\$ 3,629.00
T O T A L	\$20,725.00
October 14 / 15.....	\$17,499.00
October 21 / 22.....	\$14,471.00
October 28 / 29.....	\$14,821.00
November 4 / 5.....	\$17,103.00

"...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 11/18/17 TO 11/25/17

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Passaglia, Peters, & Thomas Families, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 am: Cardinal Raymond Burke, INT

7:30 a.m.: Francie York, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Benjamin & Michael Boychuk, Jr., RIP

11:00 a.m.: Alcaraz & Bejar Families, INT

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Dennis Laupon, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Doc Physician, RIP

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

Tuesday:

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

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

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

Wednesday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Jose Aclaro, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Joann & Frank Brodzik, RIP

Thursday—Thanksgiving:

*7:30 a.m.: Clare Ryan Dudley, RIP

10:00 a.m.: Virgil & Maria Odonno, INT

Friday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Mary Reid, INT

8:00 a.m.: Clare Ryan Dudley, RIP

Saturday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Otto Lacayo, 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
All the Deceased Members of the
Mancao, Go, and Ybanez Families



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.

Outside the Parish

GPS-Guadalupe Pregnancy Services invites you to a Celebration of LIFE, featuring Fr. Kevin McGoldrick in Concert! The "Two Hearts, One Love" Benefit Dinner & Concert will be on 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

TO THOSE ATTENDING THE SATURDAY 5:00 P.M. MASS: Older lady (parishioner) would appreciate a ride home from that Mass on a weekly basis (lives at Main & Valencia). If you can help, call the office at 282-2744.



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.: Marty Timar



Sunday:

7:30 a.m.: Jackie Johnson / Thu Nguyen

9:00 a.m.: Nancy King

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

5:00 p.m.: Charlie Gopez

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