

Saint Theresese Church

November 26, 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 Couples: Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (333); Deacon Gilbert & Frances Vargas (333)

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

Special Edition Parish & School Finances

Masses:

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:

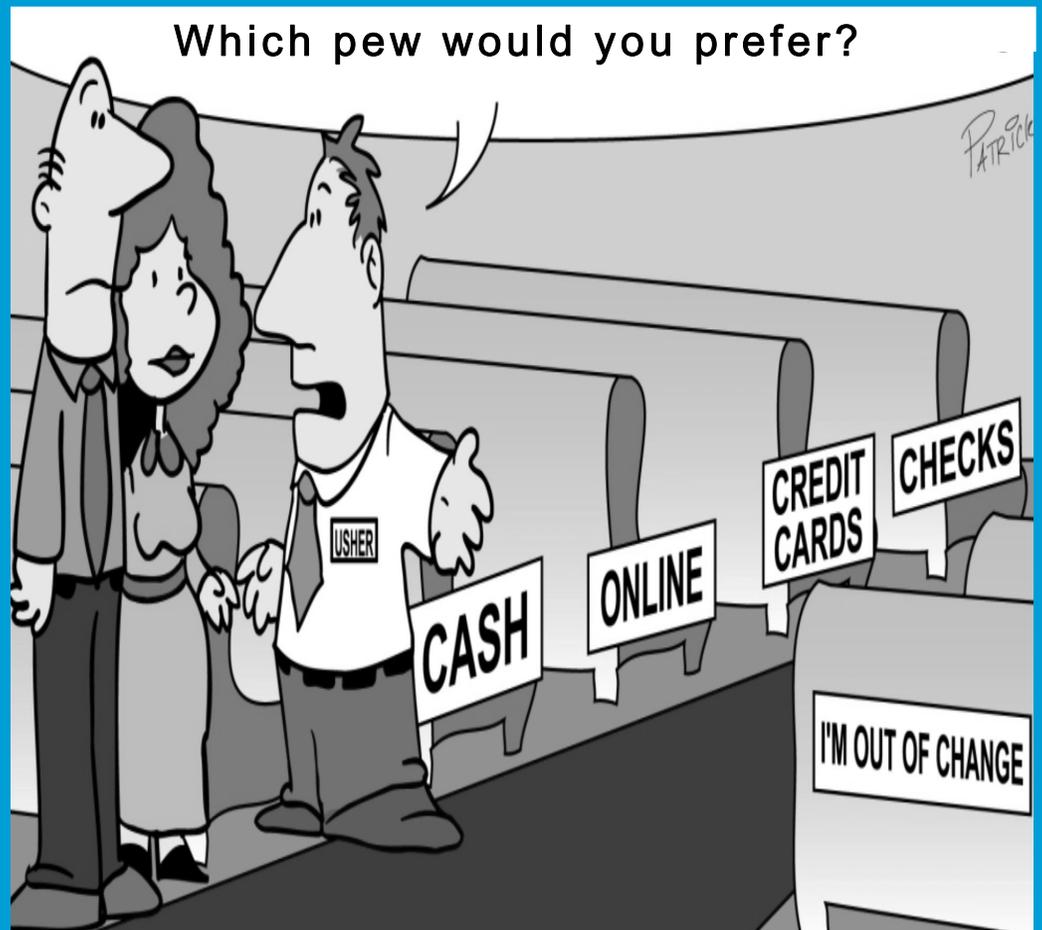
Rosary: After Mon-Sat

8:00 a.m. Mass;

Exposition/Benediction on
Thursdays, 7:00-8:00p.m.;

First Friday Mass and All-

Night Vigil: 7:30 p.m.



Catholic Stewardship

What identifies a steward? First, it is generous giving of time, talent, and treasure. But being a Christian steward also means:

- Following Jesus, no matter what the cost;
- Being open to constant conversion and committing oneself to the Lord;
- Responding in a particular way as a disciple. Stewardship has the power to shape our lives by the way we live.

A good steward recognizes God as the origin of life and the source of all things. A good steward also shows gratitude for the gifts received and uses them to show love for God and for others (Matthew 22:36-40).

STEWARDS OF CREATION: God created the world and then entrusted it to human beings. Caring for it involves:

- Respect for human life from its natural conception until its natural end;
- Appreciation for the God-given beauty of nature AND protection and preservation of the environment; and
- Development of this world through noble human effort—physical labor, the trades and professions, the arts and sciences.

STEWARDS OF OUR VOCATIONS: Jesus calls us as his disciples to a new way of life. He calls us by name! Each of us—clergy, religious, lay person; married, single; adult, child—has a personal vocation. The challenge is to respond generously.

STEWARDS OF THE CHURCH: All stewards have their own roles to play in carrying out the redemptive mission of the church:

- Clergy, to bring the sacramental grace entrusted to them to the Faithful;
- Religious, to work in the ministries to which they have been appointed;
- Parents, to nurture their children in the light of faith;
- Parishioners, to work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith;
- Catholics, to give generous support to parish and diocesan programs.

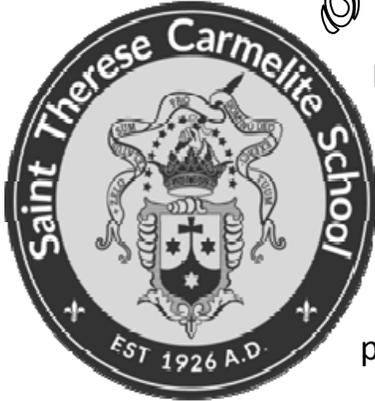


"If God loves a cheerful giver, why are you supposed to give 'til it hurts?"

Though challenging, intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. As it says in Romans 8:28: "All things work for good for those who love God". After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. She lived her ministry in a spirit of fidelity and service and responded generously to the Angel Gabriel. Her "YES" ushered in the salvation of the world!

Let us renew our own commitment to be true disciples of Jesus Christ and Christian stewards by echoing the "YES" of Mary!

Greetings from our School Principal



Dear Parishioners of St. Therese Church:

Saint Therese Carmelite School has been educating children for over 90 years. Three years ago, God inspired our pastor with the wisdom, courage, and resolution to renounce Common Core and to adopt a classical curriculum. We are grateful for God's providence, guidance, and care.

All great endeavors require sacrifice. The reform of our school is no exception, but the fruits of the Carmelite classical education make the sacrifice worthwhile. Academically, our students are thriving. Standardized test scores are well above the median, and high school entrance exam scores are even higher. Our students are reading, writing, and computing better. They are developing critical thinking skills. Above all, however, they have a deeper spirituality and a wide knowledge of the truths of our faith. They are truly growing in wisdom, in knowledge, and in faith. It is touching to see the ripple effect that this is having in all of our families.

None of this would have been possible without the support from our Parish, from all of you Parishioners, and from our benefactors. The tuition dollars from our student body do not cover all operational expenses. A large portion of our expenses are covered through fundraising and the generosity of our parishioners. We remain forever grateful and we assure you of our daily prayers for you and your intentions. Please know that every penny that you contribute is received with gratitude, and it is judiciously spent. Your sacrifices and generosity make possible the formation of saints!

May God reward you,
Alma R. Cornejo
Principal



On-line Giving

**GIVING
MADE
EASY!**

FAITH DIRECT®
inspiring secure giving®



Through Faith Direct you can make all of your contributions to St. Therese Church via automatic payment from your checking account or credit card—just as you may do now with your mortgage, household bills, and other monthly payments. This is a great way to simplify your giving—as well as being very cost-effective and environmentally-friendly. Of course, it's voluntary!

It's simple to enroll in the program. **To do so, just follow these steps:**

1. Go to the home page of the St. Therese website (www.SaintThereseChurchAlhambra.org);
2. Click on the Faith Direct logo, which can be found at the top of the right column;
3. You will now find yourself on the Faith Direct online giving website.
4. Click "Enroll" from the links at the top of the page
 - Enter your name, contact information, and either your credit card information or your checking account information.
 - Enter your Church Envelope Number.
 - Choose from weekly or monthly donations, school donations, special collection donations, or one-time gifts.
 - Read the "WELCOME" information.

The next time that you go to the Faith Direct website (to make any changes or check your account, etc.), instead of clicking on "Enroll," click on "Sign In".

After completing these steps, you will no longer have to worry about writing checks, dealing with cash contributions, using your church envelopes or forgetting to bring your envelope with you to church. It's a win-win for you and for the parish!

Parish / School Maintenance

Although St. Therese Parish was established in 1924 and its first church built in 1926, our current church was built in 1950 by Earl Trudeau. The effective maintenance of the church over the last sixty-seven years has included not only routine cleaning and painting, but also attention to problems both seen and unseen in our foundations, support beams, insulation, electrical wiring, plumbing, and roofing—all of which are subject to gradual degradation. While it may be possible to ignore these problems for a period of time, eventually they will need attention.

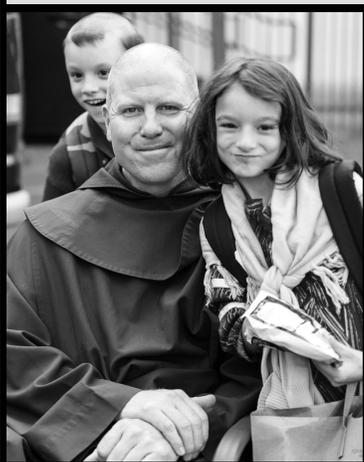
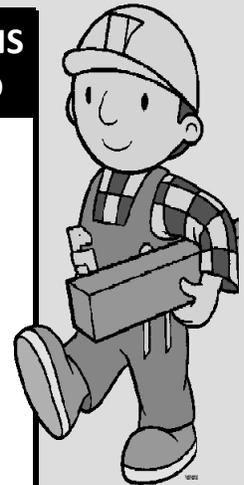
For now, some of the improvements we would like to make include:

- ◆ Getting new doors for the side entrances of the church;
- ◆ Repainting the inside of the church;
- ◆ Installing canopies and artificial turf between the Parish Hall, the School, and the Parish Center to create more user-friendly space; and
- ◆ Rehabilitating the bathrooms in the Hall and the School.

Below are the estimated costs of these projects and the amount of donations we have received towards each to date:



PROJECT	ESTIMATED COST	DONATIONS RECEIVED
Hall & School Bathrooms	\$300,000	∅
Canopies / Turf	\$10,000	\$2,000
Church Side Doors	\$40,000	\$37,000
Painting of Church Inside	\$116,000	∅



The Parish Hall bathrooms have not been updated since the Hall and School classrooms were completed in 1963—**fifty-four years ago!** An early estimate we received for remodeling the six bathrooms was \$50,000 each.

If you would like to make a donation to help offset any of these expenses, make a notation in the memo section on your check indicating which project you would like to support.

God bless you for your good stewardship!

Parish Financial Report

St. Therese Church Summary Financial Report For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

Operations

Receipts:

Envelopes	\$ 505,663
Loose Plate	174,868
Other Collections (Holy Days, Easter, Christmas, Other Masses)	77,741
Archdiocesan Collection	13,725
Funerals, Weddings, Unrestricted Donations	33,225
Candelabra	26,627
Parish Ministries	22,952
Other Receipts	11,062
Total Receipts	<u>865,863</u>

Disbursements:

Salaries/Benefits	449,065
Operating Expenses	250,391
Archdiocesan Assessment (\$6,700 per month)	80,322
Archdiocesan Collections	13,725
Equipment/Improvements	18,724
Parish Ministries	14,449
Total Disbursements	<u>826,676</u>

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements	<u>\$ 39,186</u>
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Charitable Donations

School Support, net	\$ (62,234)
Christian Services, net	(10,114)
Other, net (Natural Family Planning, Altar Society, Rosary Makers)	3,209
Net Charitable Donations	<u>\$ (69,138)</u>

Restricted Funds - Capital Improvements

Contributions	\$ 18,083
Expenditures	(46,243)
Excess of Expenditures over Contributions	<u>\$ (28,160)</u>

Together in Mission (Budget, \$70,000)

Collections	\$ 13,823
Remittance	(13,729)
Excess Receipts over Disbursements	<u>\$ 95</u>

Mass Intentions

For Week of 11/25/17 TO 12/2/17

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Piedad Lakindanum, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 am: Cardinal Raymond Burke, INT

7:30 a.m.: Sr. Mary Joanne, INT

9:00 a.m.: Milagros Samson, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Mike Marikian, RIP

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

5:00 p.m.: Darey, Penny, Tristan, & Zarah Huo, INT

Monday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: John McDermott, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Barbara Physician, INT

Tuesday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Ray Werner, RIP

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

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Tom Physician, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Clarita San Diego, RIP

8:00 a.m.: John McDermott, RIP

Thursday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Mary Raphael, OP, INT

8:00 a.m.: John McDermott, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Clae Ryan-Dudley, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Virgilio & Martita Lopez, INT

8:00 a.m.: Angelle Francisce & Karina Therese, INT

7:30 p.m.: Gonzalo Torres, RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Jose N. Vales, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Warren, Wendy, Tim, & Mary Zhang, INT

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road

Floral Dedications

This week's Floral Dedication is:

**In Loving Memory of
Bill & Carmen Cuellar**



Make arrangements for a dedication in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones! Just leave a message for Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049. Bouquets are \$45 plus.

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

- ◆ Alicia Valencia Trujillo (aunt of Veronica Dy)
- ◆ David Lopez (husband of Teresita Lopez)
- ◆ Belen Africa (mother of Joanne Baldonado)



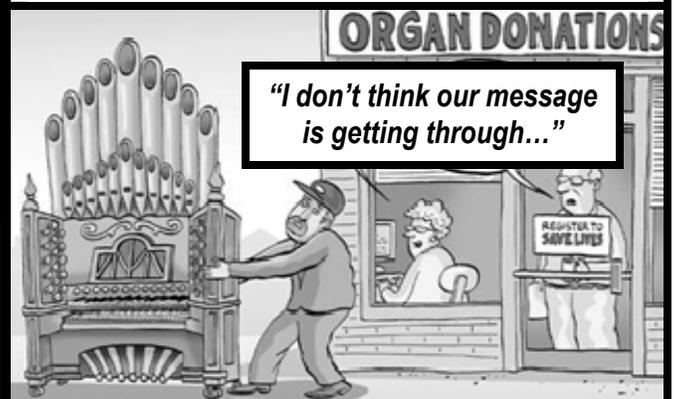
"About my loaves and fishes... could I get a receipt for tax purposes?"



"Billy, you're embarrassing us. Please stop saying 'ka-ching, ka-ching.'"



"...and to speed up the collection process, make your donations by texting CHURCH to 873346."



"I don't think our message is getting through..."

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