

Saint Theresese Church

December 31, 2017 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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-Avila Young Adult Group:

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-Bible Study: Debbie Robles 679-6370

-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



The Child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40).

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.

St. Therese Carmelite School:

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Bro. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD (224)

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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)

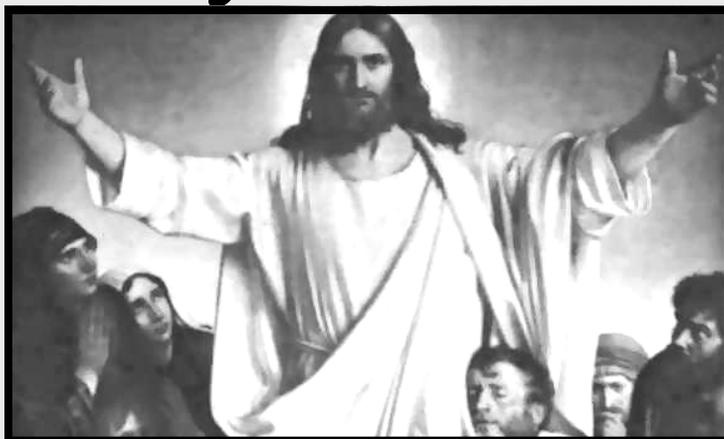
Welcome, 2018!

New Year's Eve Masses (Sunday, December 31)

5:00 p.m. and *Midnight
*The Carmelite Sisters of the Sacred Heart will be in attendance.

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (January 1)

Masses at 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 a.m.,
and 7:30 p.m.



Here are twelve Bible verses to help bring you hope and renewal for the coming year:

"And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also He said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Rev. 21:5

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is His faithfulness." Lam. 3:22-23

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Is. 43:18-19

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Cor. 5:17

"Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead." Phil. 3:13

"Therefore, repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jer. 29:11

"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Is. 40:31

"I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them..." Ez. 11:19

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." Prov. 3:5-6

"May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed." Ps. 20:4

"You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths drip with abundance." Ps. 65:11



THE HOLY FAMILY

By Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.

If there is one phenomenon that characterizes the modern world, especially the West, it is the breakdown of family life. The most rampant divorce rate of human history, which in some cities in the United States has reached a rate approaching 100%. One large city recently reported they had five divorces for every one marriage that occurred. The national American rate is well over 50% and climbing constantly. Also, the breakdown of community religious life has contributed to the disintegration of hundreds of once-flourishing religious institutes in western society. One religious institute of women had a membership of 5,000 twenty years ago; today, they have 200 members left.

The breakdown of once cohesive parochial life, where parishes live together and work together as clusters of united families, is in many countries a fond memory. Yet, as the present Holy Father is never tired of repeating, the preservation of the family is necessary for the survival of society. Let us look to the Holy Family as the model for the modern world. **What are their qualities?**

- **First**, the members of the Holy Family were brought together by God Himself. It was He who brought Mary and Joseph together in marriage. It was the Holy Spirit who brought the Child Jesus into their company. The Holy Family was created by God.
- **Second**, in the Holy Family there was obvious diversity. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were different persons with different temperaments and personalities.
- **Third**, in spite of their personal diversity, there was family unity. They not only lived together, prayed together, and worked together. They stayed together as a family.
- **Fourth**, their bond of unity was not their equality, because they were not equal. It was charity, genuine charity.
- **Fifth**, their charity was rooted in their united vision of a common purpose. They had one single goal—to work together as a community for the salvation of the human family.

How do we apply these five qualities to our own families? We find that each has much to teach us. Either we unite and re-discover these family virtues of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, or we shall further disintegrate as a society. Have no doubt, the devil and evil people, enemies of Christ and His Church, are united to the teeth.

The First quality is that all families are born of God. Every family comes into existence in order to be a reflection on earth of the Eternal Family, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. There was from all eternity a divine Holy Family of the three Persons. God as God is not solitary. God as God is a community. Families on earth are to be created manifestations of the uncreated Family, the triune everlasting God. No earthly family is just randomly brought together. Our fathers and mothers didn't just happen to meet one another and coincidentally happen to marry and have us as offspring. No! Every family—domestic, religious, parochial, or ecclesiastical—is the providential creation of God who is Himself the infinite community of the most Blessed Trinity.

The Second quality is that all members of a family are different;. These differences are part of God's all-wise plan for His children. Each soul is individually, distinctively, and uniquely created by the Almighty God at the moment of our conception in our mother's womb. Variety in creation is a glorious reflection of the infinity of the all-perfect God. No one person could adequately manifest the ocean of attributes of the all-perfect God. God wants us to be different.

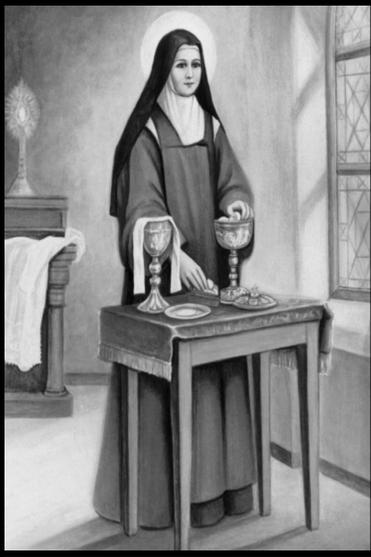
The Third quality is that the different members of a family should be united. Looking at the Holy Trinity, the Father is not the Son. The Father and the Son are not the Holy Spirit. Yet all form together the one God. So the members of every family should be united. A family ceases to be a family when each person pursues his own interests without concern for the other members.

The Fourth quality is the bond of love that unites a family. Only love can unite different, even disparate, people. Only love brings them together, keeps them together, and enables them to work together. Where this love is missing or weak, the family falls apart. Some years ago, I asked an Indian priest I know who had been in the U.S. teaching theology for four years, "*Fr. Joseph, could you tell me what you found most inspiring and most depressing about the time you spent in the United States?*" He replied, "*The most inspiring thing was your liberty. The most depressing thing was your disunity.*" So I asked him, "*What do you mean? Are the people in India more united than we are?*" He said, "*Yes, they are. Take family life. There are not just small villages, but good-sized towns in India where no one there can remember a single divorce taking place.*" Dear God, help save America, the land of liberty, which is becoming the land of disunity. We know that this bond of love means selfless love—sacrificing personal likes and dislikes for the sake of the family's good.

The Fifth quality is a Common Purpose. Only the common united vision of those who belong to a family gives them existence as a family and sustains them in family life. Where people lose a common vision, they lose their basis for a uniting love. For us Catholics, this common vision is born of faith. We must believe in one God, one Catholic Church, one vicar of Christ on earth, one destiny for the human race, one means of salvation! Then and only then shall we be united. What an examination of the conscience we all have to make to ask ourselves this question: "*How well am I contributing to the family into which God has placed me?*"



TRAIN TO BE A SACRISTAN!



ST. THERESE CHURCH IS IN SERIOUS NEED OF MORE SACRISTANS!

ANY ADULT OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT who would like to train to be a Sacristan (one who prepares the altar for the priest to celebrate Mass) at St. Therese—including for funerals and weddings—should attend the

upcoming training session on **Saturday, January 6, at Noon**, in the church sacristy.

If you would like to learn more about the duties of a sacristan in order to serve in this holy and important ministry, just go to the sacristy of the church at Noon on that day (the entrance is next to the Adoration Chapel entrance). No need to RSVP.

TEEN-FOCUSED HOLY HOUR

The next High School Teen-Focused Holy Hour, led by Deacon Matthias, will be **Thursday, January 4, at 7:00 p.m.**, followed by a **TEEN-LED SOCIAL** in the Library of the Parish Center 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 attend the Holy Hour.

FAMILY CATECHESIS NIGHT

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 once again be a **POTLUCK**



DINNER and a break-out session for the teens. This group is open to all families. For more info, contact Rhonda Storey at 284-0024 (1).

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE!



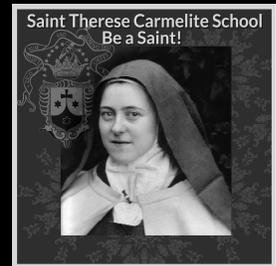
SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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

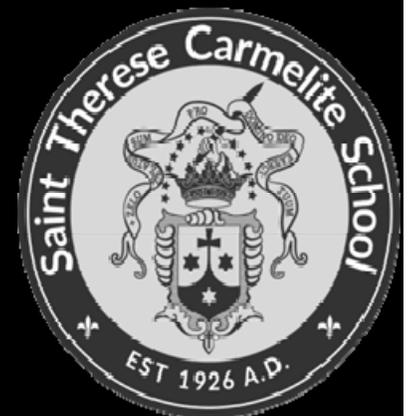
“The splendor of the rose and the lily’s whiteness do not deprive the Violet of its scent nor make less ravishing the daisy’s charm.”

-St. Therese of Lisieux

- January 3 (Wednesday): School Resumes—Welcome Back!
- January 5 (Friday): First Friday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
- 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.



A Prayer for Peace to Mary, the Mother of God

By Pope St. John Paul II

Mother, you who know what it means to clasp in your arms the dead body of your Son, of Him to whom you gave birth, spare all mothers on this earth the deaths of their children, the torments, the slavery, the destruction of war, the persecutions, the concentration camps, the inhumane prisons! Keep for them the joy of birth, of sustenance, of the development of man and of his life. In the name of this life, in the name of the Birth of the Lord, implore with us peace, and justice in the world!



Mother of Peace, in all the beauty and majesty of your Motherhood, which the Church exalts and the world admires, we pray to you: Be with us at every moment! Let this New Year be a year of peace, in virtue of the birth and the death of your Son! Amen.

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 January 4 and January 25). 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 January 27 and February 10).

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: The next classes will be on Sunday, January 7, at 9:00 a.m. Enjoy your Christmas holidays!

CONFIRMATION:

C1—The next classes will be 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

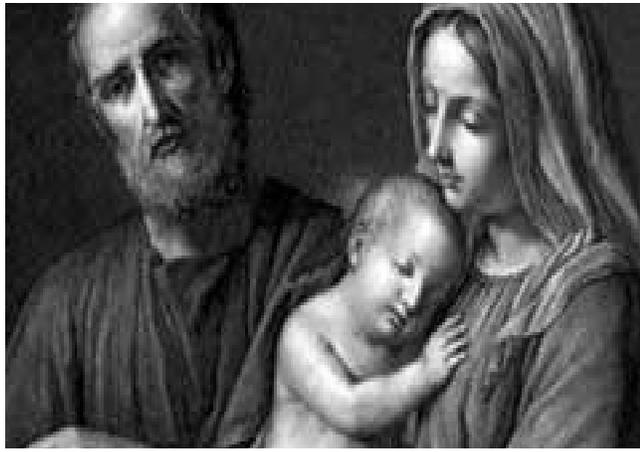
Upcoming class dates are Thursdays, January 4, 11, and 25—at 7:00 p.m.

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



ADORATION CHAPEL

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.



*“Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
I love you! Save souls!”*

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

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

This bulletin was printed before the Christmas weekend. The up-to-date totals will be available in the issue of January 14th.

*“...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 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 12/30/17 TO 1/6/18

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Daniel Masto, INT

Sunday Morning—Feast of the Holy Family

*7:30 am: Christmas Novena 6

7:30 a.m.: Goh & Cheah Families, INT

9:00 a.m.: Ariel Aclaro & Family, INT

11:00 a.m.: Cailan Family, INT

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Laigo Family, INT

Sunday Evening, New Year's Eve:

5:00 p.m.: Elery & Lilian Arevalo, INT

Midnight: Parishioners

Monday (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

6:00 a.m.: Angelina Brajkovich, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Mary Rose Go, INT

10:00 a.m.: Cailan Family, INT

7:30 p.m.: Leodegario Cruz, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Rachele Sly, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Maria Garcia & Family, INT

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

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Raymond Shimkowski, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Antonio "Joker" Faustino, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Joseph Lim, INT

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

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

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Marcial Juan, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Angelle Frncisse & Karina Therese, INT

8:00 a.m.: Lauryl McGrath, INT

Dcn Bro. Matthias, OCD, INT

Saturday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Bob & Fran Meyer, INT

Floral Dedication



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

Lectors



Saturday—Vigil for Feast of the Holy Family

5:00 p.m.: Rebeca Willis / Larry Dumont

Sunday—Feast of the Holy Family

7:30 a.m.: Rex Owens / Florence Goh

9:00 a.m.: Beatriz Pelayo-Garcia

11:00 a.m.: Jason Perez

Sunday—Solemnity of Mother of God:

5:00 p.m.: Charlie Gopez

Midnight: Carmelite Sisters of the Sacred Heart

Monday, Solemnity of

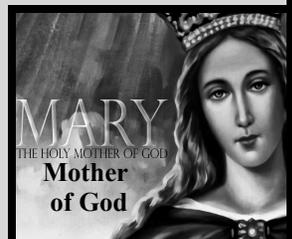
Mary, Mother of God:

6:00 a.m.: To Be Decided

8:00 a.m.: To Be Decided

10:00 a.m.: To Be Decided

7:30 p.m.: Sarah Halpin



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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