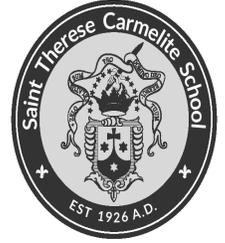




Saint Therese Church



May 15, 2016

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).

Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (332) **Associate Pastors:** Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232) and Fr. Leonel Varela, OCD **In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD and Deacon Bro. Charles Nawodylo, OCD **Deacon Couple:** Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333) **Vocations:** Carmelite: (909) 629-9495 - Archdiocesan: (213) 637-7515

Sacraments:

Confessions: Wednesday: 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Saturday: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday
Weddings: Fill out an application (on the website) at least six months in advance.
Facilitator: Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2)

Other Ministries/ 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 Tom Quintana: (626) 863-7061
- ***Legion of Mary:** Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
- ***Natural Family Planning:**
Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906
- ***OCDS:** Stan Interrante 714-996-4164
- ***Respect Life Ministry:**
Catherine Contreras (213) 435-3942
- ***Rosary Makers:** Mondays, 6-8 p.m.
Magda Contreras (213) 300-7776
- ***St. Joseph Prayer Group:** Wed, 6:15 p.m., Patricia Cervantes 260-2208
- ***Tea at Therese Women's Group:**
Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701



There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each of them. -Acts 2:3

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:

289-3364 - Principal: Alma Cornejo (661)
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Web: SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

School Chaplain: Fr. Leonel Varela

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Denise McMaster-Holguin (223)
denisekay@hotmail.com

Finance: Noralyn Cailan (228)

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Bridie McDermott (224)

Choir Directors:

9:00am: Marcia Martinez-Bateman
(775) 771-4992

11:00am: Paula Grimm (909) 703-1284
pgrimm.dir@gmail.com

Altar Ministries:

Lorraine Mizerski (333)

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Fred & Margaret Padilla (626) 282-0943

Religious Education & RCIA:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)
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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 Bible Say About Marriage?"

By Don and Sally Meredith



Most Christians see marriage as a gift from God and a sacred institution. Yet, in our experience as marriage counselors, we have found that even mature believers often don't have a clear Biblical basis for their beliefs. Having a sound Christian perspective on marriage is vitally important today, as many in our society are trying to redefine marriage to fit their particular social or political agendas.

Created for Relationships: Love and relationships are a central theme in the Bible, beginning in Genesis and culminating in Revelation. St. Augustine made the statement, "*Our hearts are restless until we find our rest in Thee.*" God designed us for a relationship with Him. The whole of Scripture speaks of our relationship with Him: how to have it, how to

hold onto it, how to rest in it, how to communicate it, how to enjoy it.

But, God did not want us to just have relationship with Him alone. He created others that we might also learn to live with and love those He places in our lives. He said, "*But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the Body, just as He desired*" (1 Corinthians 12:18-21). If God is in the process of placing us into the Body of Christ (the Church), doesn't this also mean He places each person called to marriage with the spouse of His choice? Since God places us in relationships we must ask ourselves the question: Why marriage? Why between a man and a woman? What is it about marriage that is so important to God? What is it about marriage that is so important to me?

The Importance of Marriage to Each Spouse: Could it be that God has created marriage, the most intimate of human relationships, for the purpose of refining us, chiseling off our selfish human nature, and making us more "other-centered"? Isn't this what He means when He says that we are being conformed to the image of Jesus Christ: "*For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son ...*" (Romans 8:29)? How best to make us "other-centered" than to give us a spouse, very different from us, to mold us into His image?

The Importance of Marriage to God's Plan for Mankind - Marriage also has purposes beyond each individual marriage that relate to God's plan for mankind. In fact, there are three clear purposes outlined in Genesis:

Reflect - Christian marriages are to reflect God's image: Then God said, "*Let us make man in our image, in our likeness...So, God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them*" (Genesis 1:26-27). Each individual (as a male and as a female) is created in the image of God. However, a married couple has a unique capacity to reflect His image as husband and wife. When we recognize our purpose is to reflect the image of God, we see that we have an opportunity to be a witness to a lost world.

Reproduce - God's second purpose for marriage is to reproduce: God blessed them and said to them, "*Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it*" (Genesis 1:28a). Marriage is an opportunity for men and women to procreate. Children are a gift from God and with them comes great responsibility: children are to be raised in His "likeness." The Father gives His love to the Son, the Son receives that love and returns it to the Father and that interpersonal love is the Holy Spirit. In the same way a husband gives himself to his bride and the bride returns that love to her husband; and that love is so real that nine months later it is given a name.

Reign - The third purpose for marriage is to reign: God blessed them and said to them, "*Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it*" (Genesis 1:28a). According to this verse, married couples are to "subdue" the earth. To accomplish this requires good stewardship in the physical realm over that which God has given. It also requires diligence in the spiritual realm. Together married couples are to be "soldiers" directed by God to accomplish His intentions on earth.

Marriage as a Witness to the World: "*By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another*" (John 13:35). Marriage is a significant institution by which a lost world can see Christianity in action. Marriage is the most intimate of human relationships in which husbands and wives learn to model Christ's love. Marriage is the 18-year training ground for children so that they can also love "one another." Marriage provides a unique opportunity to reflect Him as a couple. Marriage provides a platform for accomplishing God's intentions for mankind.

SEEKING VOLUNTEER TEACHERS For 2016 / 2017



**YOUTH CONFIRMATION (TEENS)
and
1ST COMMUNION CLASSES FOR PARENTS**



If you enjoy teaching and have the ability to “connect” with teens or adults, we are looking for you!

For more information about teaching 1ST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASSES FOR PARENTS/ADULTS IN THE SUNDAY FAMILY PROGRAM, contact Rhonda Storey, Director of Religious Education, at 284-0020 (225) OR rhondalstorey@gmail.com

For more information about teaching CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH, contact Ruben Beltran, the Confirmation Coordinator, at 284-0020 (235) OR rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com.



MEN’S WEEKEND RETREAT NEXT WEEKEND AT EL CARMELO

Men! Come join us this coming weekend (May 20-22), for our Annual Men’s Retreat conducted by the Carmelite Fathers at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands. The rates are \$170 for a shared room or \$198 for a single room, each of which includes a private bath, meals, peace and tranquility. The retreat also includes the Sacraments, Conferences, private consultations, etc. A non-refundable \$50 deposit (check or money order made out to El Carmelo) is required to reserve your room. For reservations and/or information, contact Jack Day at (323) 722-9339 or Dean Tweedy at 712-3452.

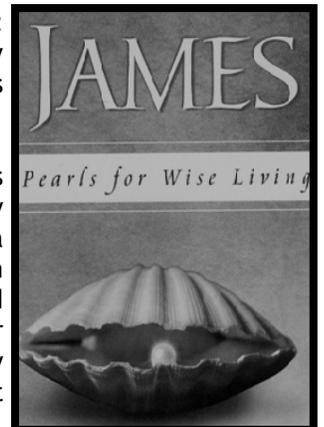


**Refresh
Your
Spirits!**

BIBLE STUDY EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT!

All are invited to join us for our current Bible Study, featuring the video series, “**JAMES: PEARLS FOR WISE LIVING**,” an 11-part study with author Jeff Cavins—held every Wednesday through June 1, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room. There is a \$20 fee per person, which includes a workbook.

Like the book of Proverbs, James is a book of wisdom, a collection of teachings on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life. This study offers “pearls for wise living” by applying the wisdom of James to the present day. For anyone who has struggled to live a truly Christian life, James offers a wealth of practical solutions for handling and even sanctifying everyday circumstances. Through this study, you will find an anchor to hold you steady through the storms of life; learn how just a few small words can change your entire life; see how God’s wisdom helps us face suffering; learn the secret to finding joy in the midst of trials; and find value in suffering. For any questions, please contact Debbie Robles at 679-6370 OR debrobles@me.com.



GUADALUPE PREGNANCY SERVICES



BABY BOTTLE PROJECT: If you took home a baby bottle on the weekend of April 30 & May 1, please fill it with coins, bills, or checks, and then bring it to Mass **NEXT WEEKEND, May 21 or 22**, to be collected by GPS volunteers as you enter the church.

THANK YOU! Your donation and participation will support the life-affirming services of GPS—Guadalupe Pregnancy Services of helping women who experience an unplanned pregnancy and supporting women in need who have infants/babies. Counseling, Education, Resources, and Referrals are provided by trained Client Advocates through the GPS Maternal Instincts Program & Talents Program. GPS is Pro-life & Pro-Family! For more information, contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186.

Today is Pentecost

The Church celebrates an amazing feast today. Look around and see who has been called to be disciples. You'll find no race of people left out; you'll find no language on earth unfit to proclaim God's glory. We call Pentecost Sunday the "Birthday of the Church." In many ways, the Church is *still* being born. Only when we all know the peace Jesus offered in today's Gospel will we really know the fullness of the Holy Spirit.



St. Paul assures us in today's second reading that *"all of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit."* What is holding us back from fully embracing the one Body of Christ? When will we see our differences as manifestations of the same Holy Spirit?

A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Spirit of Jesus, poured out in flames of fire upon your disciples on the day of Pentecost, set afire the hearts of your faithful so that we will announce in all the languages of the world the wonders of the salvation of God. Amen.

SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

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

"The world is your ship, but not your home." —St. Thérèse de Lisieux

- Spring Concert on Thursday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m.
- School Mass on Friday, May 20, at 8:00 a.m.
- School Mass on Thursday, May 26, at 8:00 a.m.
- No School from Friday, May 27, through Monday, May 30, for Memorial Day Weekend
- First Friday Mass on June 3 at 8:00 a.m.
- In-N-Out Lunch Truck Fundraiser on Friday, June 3, at 11:30 a.m.
- 8th Grade Awards & STCS Mass on Sunday, June 5, at 9:00 am

We are accepting applications for the 2016 - 2017 academic year. 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 teachers and students.



Saint Therese Carmelite School



Please feel free to contact us at 289-3364 or by email: sainttheresecarmeliteschool@gmail.com.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Bishop O’Connell will be the celebrant at next Sunday’s (May 22) 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Therese in order to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation upon the RCIA adults and the youth of our community, which includes St. Therese Parish, St. Monica Academy, and our home-school students.



If you completed your confirmation preparation and wish to join this Rite, please contact the Coordinator, Ruben Beltran, immediately. We need a copy of each candidate’s Baptism certificate and their sponsor’s name. There will be a mandatory practice in the church for the candidates and their sponsors this Thursday, May 19, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Contact Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2) or rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com.

RCIA

Candidates and sponsors need to attend the Confirmation Practice in the church on May 19 at 7:00 p.m.; our final class is on May 26.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

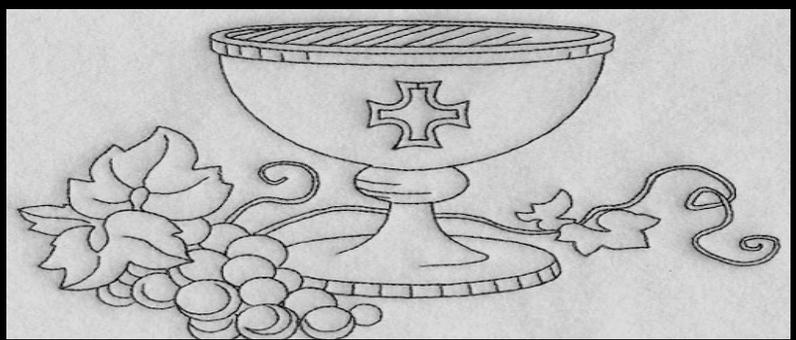
Our last class of the year is today, Sunday, May 15—from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

See the article at the top of the page for details about the Rite of Confirmation on May 22nd.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

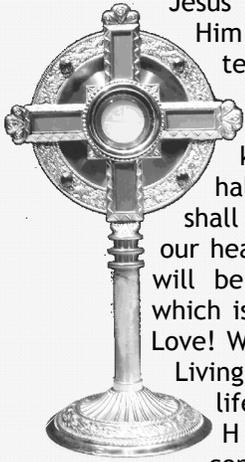
STRE: Today’s classes are our “wrap-up classes”. Next Sunday, May 22, we will celebrate Mary’s Crowning at the 9:00 a.m. Mass (Eucharist students should dress in their First Communion attire and bring in one or two flowers for Mary—to be placed in vases during the procession). Following the Mass we will have an end-of-year celebration in the Hall, during which you will receive your certificates.



FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS!

Practice for all E2 and E2/OC students will be in the church this week on May 17 and 19, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Rite of First Holy Communion will be on Saturday, May 21, at 10:00 a.m. (PARENTS! Please drop off your children in the Hall by 9:30 a.m.).

Be one with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration



"Jesus Veiled! Let us kneel down before Him in adoring awe, while our Mother teaches us His beauty, and His sweetness, and His goodness, and His nearness. When we think we know Him we shall not know the half, and when we speak of Him we shall stammer as children do, and when our hearts are hot with love of Him, they will be cold in comparison of the love which is His due... O sweet Sacrament of Love! We belong to Thee, for Thou art our Living Love Himself. Thou art our well of life, for in Thee is the Divine Life Himself, immeasurable, compassionate, eternal ...There shall not be a single thought, a single hope, a single wish, which shall not be all for Thee!"

-From The Blessed Sacrament, by Fr. Frederick Faber

To sign up as a committed adorer, please contact Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (235) or rubenconfirmatio@yahoo.com.



GUADALUPE PREGNANCY SERVICES: Are you pregnant and in need of help?



GPS counselors are available to help with any situation regarding your pregnancy. All services are local and are private and confidential. We offer counseling, education, resources and referrals. Contact Louisa Day at 872-2483 or email gps.pregnancy@ymail.com.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

Below you will find the total collections for last weekend and for the previous four weekends.

May 7 / 8, 2016

Unrestricted.....\$12,220.00
Restricted \$ 368.00
TOTAL\$12,588.00

April 9 / 10.....\$12,767.00
April 16 / 17.....\$14,797.00
April 23 / 24.....\$12,322.00
April 30 / May 1.....\$18,077.00



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

ON-GOING MEETINGS/CLASSES

AVILA YOUNG ADULT GROUP (Ages 21–39, singles and couples): Join us on the first Saturdays of the month at 6:00 p.m., in the Guadalupe Courtyard (next meeting will be June 4), as well as for social events (movie/pub nights, sports events, concerts, dances, etc.). For more information, contact Paula Grimm at (909-703-1284 or pgrimm.dir@gmail.com).

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 meeting will be May 25.



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 Mohun at (805) 421-7548 or 1stkdoc@gmail.com.

“TEA AT THERESE” WOMEN’S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP: Join us for prayer and discussion, along with tea and treats! (play area if you have children!). Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. The next meeting will be May 26. For more info, contact Dara at (301) 542-9701.

Mass Intentions

For Week of 5/14/16 TO 5/21/16

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Sergio Rodriguez INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Truong Hoang Nguyen INT
 7:30 a.m.: Parishioners
 9:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 7
 11:00 a.m.: Mary Rose Go INT
 1:00 pm (Latin) Ariel Aclaro INT
 5:00 p.m.: Angelle & Karina Laigo INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 8
 *7:30 a.m.: Thuha Vo INT
 8:00 a.m.: Eric Fuentebella RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 9
 *7:30 a.m.: Caroline Dimaio INT
 8:00 a.m.: Victoria Baronia RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Park Ho Soon Maria RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Isidore Arrambide INT
 8:00 a.m.: Mantie Autry RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Maria Guadalupe Hernandez INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Linda Orte INT
 8:00 a.m.: Sr. Kim Marie OCD INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Ellena Goh INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Isidore Arrambide INT
 8:00 a.m.: Larry Hoh RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Teddy Yang INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
 8:00 a.m.: Linda Orte INT

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road.
 Open to the public every day except Sundays/holidays.

Intentions of our Holy Father for May 2016:

1) That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed; and 2) That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.

Lectors

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Alice Cheung / Lucy Lopez

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Jackie Johnson / Florence Goh
 9:00 a.m. Jim Raney / Rosa Natividad
 11:00 a.m. Jeff Storey / Lorraine Mizerski
 5:00 p.m. Gil Vargas / Confirmation Student

Floral Dedications

This week's dedication is:
 In Loving Memory of
 Zoilo & Maria Mauriz



To make arrangements for a Floral Dedication in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, leave a message for Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049. Bouquets are \$40 and up.

Personal Ads

FEMALE (contemplative, professional, pro-life missionary) SEEKING TO RENT A ROOM in a quiet home or studio - I have a house-trained dog. Prefer month to month rent Excellent references. Call 818-378-3978.

Outside the Parish

Avenue of Travel presents "Marian Shrines of Europe" with Fr. Jan Lundberg, on Sep. 16-30 (15 days 13 nights). \$4141 per person, double occ., includes airfare from LAX. (single supp, add \$571). Ask us about departures from other cities. Visits to Madrid, Avila, Fatima, Santiago DeCompostela, Lourdes, Barcelona, Monserrat, etc. Cost includes daily buffet breakfast, 13 dinners, daily Mass, Travel Protection included. Contact Angela Yang at aokyang@gmail.com or 394-4367.

Book ASAP with deposit of \$559 per person before rates go up. Final pymt due 6/1/2016. Send check to Avenue of Travel, P.O, Box 60068, San Angelo, TX 76906. Contact Angela Yang at aokyang@gmail.com or 394-4367.

Fr. Joseph Parathanal's Pilgrimage to INDIA in September 2016. Contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@hotmail.com/323-344-1548

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Find out how to make a good marriage better and a better marriage great. Call Winston and Dinah Perez at 818-527-6362 or go to www.memconline.org / email: memcweekend@gmail.com

EAST L.A. PREGNANCY CENTER (2342 S. Atlantic Blvd) is in urgent need of mature, compassionate, responsible pro-life volunteers. Male or female. Training is provided. Call 323-838-0204.

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