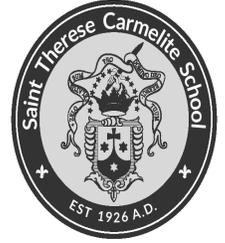




Saint Therese Church



May 8, 2016

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

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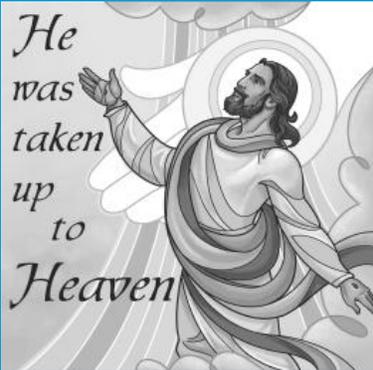
Sacraments:

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)

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- ***Annulments:**
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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.
- ***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
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- ***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



God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the Lord, amid trumpet blasts.
-- Psalm 47:6

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.

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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

"Why Do We Call Mary the 'Mother of God'?"

By Fr. William Saunders (Submitted by Ruben Beltran, Confirmation Coordinator)



As Catholics, we firmly believe in the incarnation of our Lord: *Mary conceived Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit* (Lk 1:26-38 and Mt 1:18-25). Through her, Jesus Christ—the second person of the Holy Trinity, one-in-being (consubstantial) with the Father, and true God from true God—entered this world, taking on human flesh and a human soul. Jesus is true God and true Man. In His person are united both a divine nature and a human nature. Mary did not create the divine person of Jesus, who existed with the Father from all eternity. "In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly 'Mother of God' (Theotokos)" (CCC, No. 495). As St. John wrote, "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we have seen His glory: The glory of an only Son coming from the Father filled with enduring love" (Jn 1:14).

For this reason, sometime in the early history of the Church, our Blessed Mother was given the title "Mother of God." St. John Chrysostom (d. 407) even composed a Eucharistic Prayer in honor of her: *"It is truly just to proclaim you blessed, O Mother of God, who are most blessed, all pure and Mother of our God. We magnify you who are more honorable than the Cherubim and incomparably more glorious than the Seraphim. You who, without losing your virginity, gave birth to the Word of God. You who are truly the Mother of God."*

However, objection to the title "Mother of God" arose in the fifth century, due to confusion concerning the mystery of the Incarnation.

Nestorius, Bishop of Constantinople (428-431), incited a major controversy. He stated that Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ, a regular human person, period. To this human person was united the person of the Word of God (the Divine Jesus). This union of two persons—the human Christ and the divine Word—was "sublime and unique" but merely accidental. The Divine Person dwelt in the Human Person "as in a temple." Following his own reasoning, Nestorius asserted that the human Jesus died on the cross, not the Divine Jesus. As such, he said, "Mary is not 'Mother of God,' but simply 'Mother of Christ'—the human Jesus." Sound confusing? It is, but the result is the splitting of Christ into two persons and the denial of the Incarnation.

St. Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria (d. 440), refuted Nestorius, asserting, "It was not that an ordinary man was born first of the Holy Virgin, on whom afterwards the Word descended; what we say is that, being united with the flesh from the womb, the Word has undergone birth in the flesh, making the birth in the flesh His own..."

On June 22, 431, the Council of Ephesus convened to settle this argument. The Council declared, "If anyone does not confess that the Emmanuel is truly God and therefore that the holy Virgin is the Mother of God (Theotokos) since she begot according to the flesh the Word of God made flesh, **anathema sit* (*let him or her be excommunicated)." Therefore, the Council officially recognized that Jesus is one Person, with two Natures—Human and Divine—united in a true union. Second, the Council of Ephesus affirmed that our Blessed Mother can rightfully be called the Mother of God. Mary is not Mother of God the Father, or Mother of God the Holy Spirit; rather, she is Mother of God the Son, Jesus Christ. The Council of Ephesus declared Nestorius a heretic, and the Emperor Theodosius ordered him deposed and exiled.

The Incarnation is indeed a profound mystery. The Church uses very precise—albeit philosophical—language to prevent confusion and error. Nevertheless, we must ponder this great mystery of how our Divine Savior entered this world, taking on our human flesh, to free us from sin. We must also ponder and emulate the great example of our Blessed Mother, who said, *"I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done unto me according to Thy word."*

May we turn to her always as our own Mother, pleading,
*"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners
 now and at the hour of our death. Amen."*

Happy Mother's Day!

...to all our Mothers, Mothers-in-Law,
 Grandmothers, Aunts, Sisters,
 Daughters, and anyone who is "like a
 mother"! May God bless each of you
 and grant you His protection
 and His many, many blessings!

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 AT EL CARMELO



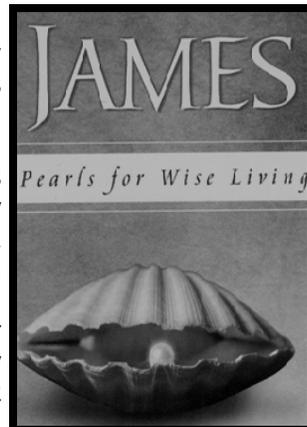
**Refresh
 Your
 Spirits!**

Men! Come join us on May 20, 21, and 22, for our Annual Men’s Retreat conducted by the Carmelite Fathers at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands. The rate for the weekend retreat is \$170 (shared room) or \$198 (single room) which includes a private bath, meals, and 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.

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.



GPS—GUADALUPE PREGNANCY SERVICES

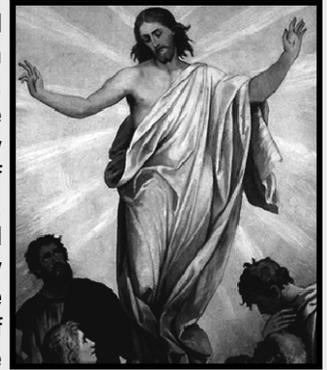


BABY BOTTLE PROJECT: Baby bottles were distributed at last weekend's Masses (April 30 & May 1). Please fill yours with coins, bills, or checks and bring it back to Mass on the weekend of May 21 & 22 to be collected by GPS volunteers as you enter the church.

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 We Celebrate the Ascension

...is the fortieth day after Easter Sunday and commemorates Christ going to His Father in Heaven, according to Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51, and Acts 1:2. The Ascension plants Man in the heart of Heaven. That's why the Glorious Mystery of the Ascension is associated with the virtue of Hope. Temporally speaking, we have no hope. The future is ultimately that time when we and everybody we know will be dead. But **eternally speaking, we have great hope for we shall be with Christ forever!** This curious mixture of temporal loss and eternal hope is reflected in the fact that Jesus' promise not to abandon us came



at the moment when he left Earth. *"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth."* And when He had said this, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight" (Acts 1:8-9). But as Luke makes clear, Jesus is not really leaving. His entire earthly ministry was only the spark. The Church, filled with His Spirit, is the Fire and He is now to continue His work in a way more intimate with us than it was during His earthly ministry. Where our Great Pioneer has already gone, we will one day go as well. That's why He Himself said, *"But now I am going to Him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you"* (John 16:5-7).

SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

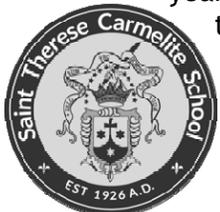
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Deeply rooted in Carmelite spirituality, Saint Therese Carmelite School seeks to form students in faith, academics, and virtue through a Classical education.

"Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing." —St. Thérèse de Lisieux

- Our Lady of Fatima School Mass on Friday, May 13, at 8:00 a.m.
- 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 6/3 at 8am
- In-N-Out Lunch Truck Fundraiser on Friday, June 3, at 11:30am
- 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.

CATHOLIC TRADITION TALK



The next Catholic Tradition Talk will be **Friday, May 13**, at 7:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room of the Parish Center (2nd floor). Our topic will be Pentecost and the Holy Spirit.

All are welcome!

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Bishop O'Connell will be the celebrant at the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Therese on **Sunday, May 22**, 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 wish to join our Confirmation and have not contacted Ruben at the Parish, please do so as soon as possible. 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 on **Thursday, May 19, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** Questions? Contact Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2) or rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com.



RCIA Adult Faith Formation: Next classes are on Thursdays, May 12, 19, and 26.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION



The last class will be **Sunday, May 15**—from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

See the article above for details about the Rite of Confirmation on **May 22nd**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

STRE: The final classes for this year will be today, **Sunday, May 1**, and **Sunday, May 15**—from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m.

FIRST COMMUNION

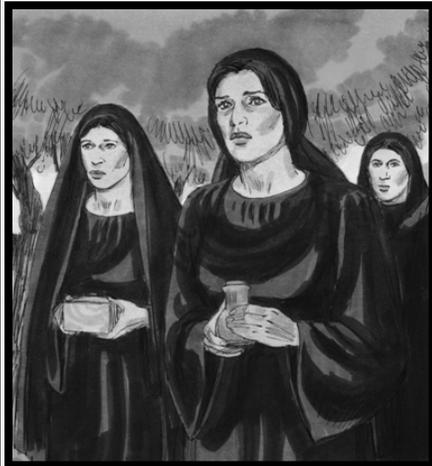
Practice for all E2 and E2/OC students will be in the church on **May 17 and 19**, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Rite of First Holy Communion will be on **Saturday, May 21**, at 10:00 a.m. (drop off your child in the Hall by 9:30 a.m.).

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Continually Praising God

In today's readings, we are told about Christ's glorious ascension into heaven. Paul's letter to the Ephesians reminds us that Christ is seated at God's right hand in Heaven, above every choir of angels. There might be a temptation to stay at an awed distance from Jesus Christ. However, the tone of today's readings is far from that temptation. The tone is exultant and the message, urgent. We are to be His witnesses, and the Gospel describes the first witnesses this way: "With great joy...they were continually in the temple praising God" (Luke 24:53). How can we continually praise God? The answer can be found in the second reading, in which Paul prays that God will give us a "Spirit of wisdom and revelation" in order to know Christ clearly (Ephesians 1:17). We cannot stand at a distance. We are to be enlightened and empowered

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Second Vatican Council decreed that the devotional life of the Church should be examined and reformed with an eye towards expressing Easter faith. One of the great treasures in our devotional repertoire is a familiar feature of Lent: the Way of the Cross following fourteen stops during Christ's Passion. Over the last decade, a *Via Lucis*, or "Way of Light," has developed as a companion to the *Via Crucis*. It has been celebrated at the Vatican and is catching on elsewhere. There are fourteen stations, beginning with the Women Carrying Spices to the Tomb, continuing with the familiar appearances



of the Lord at Emmaus, the Upper Room, the shore of Tiberias. The journey ends with the apostles waiting with Mary for the Holy Spirit. This is a living example of how many of our traditions are born to fill a great spiritual need, and spread to every corner of the Church. It may even come soon to a church near you. Maybe next Easter time!

*Be one with
Jesus in
Eucharistic Adoration*

**"Thou art the Christ,
the Son of the Living God!"**

-Matt. 16:16

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

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

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

April 30 / May 1, 2016

Unrestricted.....\$16,690.50
Restricted \$ 1,386.50
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April 2 / 3.....\$19,980.00
April 9 / 10.....\$12,767.00
April 16 / 17.....\$14,797.00
April 23 / 24.....\$12,322.00



"...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 is May 7), 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 Bordonar125

o) 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 May 11 and 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 meetings will be May 12 and 26. For more info, contact Dara at (301) 542-9701.

Mass Intentions

For Week of 5/7/16 TO 5/14/16

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD B-day INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Mai Anh Nguyen INT
 7:30 a.m.: Felicisima Nieva Mascarenas RIP
 9:00 a.m.: Bernadette Brunaczki INT
 11:00 a.m.: Magdalena Gomez RIP
 1:00 pm (Latin) Anna Sacripanti INT
 5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Carmina & Julius Doria Anniv INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 1
 8:00 a.m.: Magdalena Gomez RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Adelaida Hernandez INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 2
 8:00 a.m.: Julia Munoz RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Kim Ki Chul RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 3
 8:00 a.m.: Luis Figueroa RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Florence Goh INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 4
 8:00 a.m.: Pedro Mendicuti INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Isidore Arrambide INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 5
 8:00 a.m.: Martita Lopez INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 6
 *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
 8:00 a.m.: Luis Figueroa RIP

*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. Marta Timar / Rebeca Willis

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Flora Santoso / Thu Nguyen
 9:00 a.m. Rosa Natividad / Beatriz Pelayo-Garcia
 11:00 a.m. Pat Cervantes / Andy Zepeda
 5:00 p.m. Heinrich Ranches

Floral Dedications

This week's dedication is:
 In Loving Memory of Giancarlo Moretti



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.

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
 + Eulogio Diaz
 (father of Veronica Cox Diaz)

Personal Ads

Single Woman SEEKS A HOUSE TO RENT. Please contact Joanne at 422-8036 if you have one available.

GUEST HOUSE FOR RENT IN ALHAMBRA: 1 BR, 1 BA. Non-smoker, no pets. Prefer single woman. \$1,800 per month (first and last due at rental). Call 570-9418.

Outside the Parish

BISHOP DAVID O'CONNELL will offer a DAY OF PRAYER at the Carmelite Sisters' St. Joseph Campus, 507 N. Granada, Alhambra, this **Wednesday, May 11**, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (\$50 per person includes lunch). Day also includes Mass, two conferences with the Bishop, Adoration, and Confession. To register go to www.sacredheartretreathouse.com or call 289-1353, ext 203.

Pasadena Community Orchestra presents their fourth concert of the season on Fri., May 13, at 8:00 p.m. The program features Young Artist Competition winner Alexander Agate performing Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 1, Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody, Shostakovich's Festival Overture, and Dvorak's melodic Czech Suite Op. 39. Music Director and Conductor Bethany Pflueger conducts. Admission and parking are free. First Church of the Nazarene, 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena. More information at pcomusic.org.

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.

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