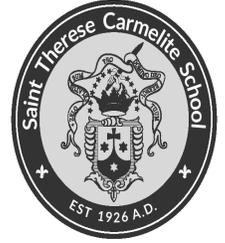




Saint Therese Church



July 3, 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. Charles Nawodylo, OCD (334) **In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD

Deacon Couple: Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski

(333) **Vocations:** Carmelite: (909) 629-9495 - Archdiocese (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 (on the website or in the office) at least six months in advance.

Facilitator: Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2)
Wedding Coordinator: Erin Thibideaux
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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:

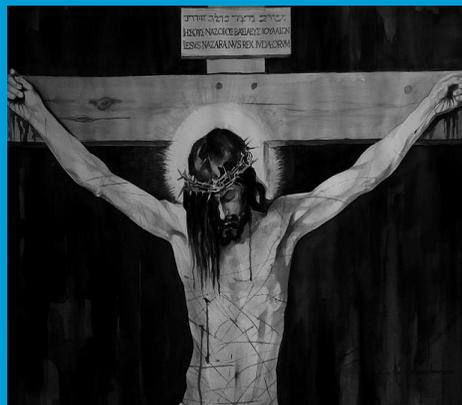
Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

*OCDS: Stan Interrante 714-996-4164

*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



May I never boast except in the
Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Galatians 6:14

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.

CATECHISM Q AND A: DEEPENING OUR KNOWLEDGE**“WHAT IS PURGATORY?” From Catholic Answers & DefendingTheBride.Com**

The Greek word for fire is “pur,” the root word of “PUR-gatory” (see the Catholic Catechism, 1030-1032). Purgatory is a spiritual state that most souls go through before entering Heaven. Purgatory is not a second chance, but is a temporary state that exists for our purification. Sin is a spiritual disease that attacks us from within. We need not only be forgiven, but also healed from the effects of sin. Imagine you said or did something that really hurt a close friend or family member. Most likely, you would want to do something to repair the relationship. In the same way, Purgatory is the opportunity for us to make reparation to God for the sins we failed to make reparation for on earth. Just as we would be appalled to attend a grand banquet in our dirty work clothes, so a soul's thought of entering the Presence of the Holy God in a state of uncleanness will appall him or her. Thus, God mercifully promises “to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). The teaching on the pains of Purgatory consists of two things: 1) pains of loss and 2) pains of sense. The pain of loss suffered by the souls in Purgatory is the greatest pain we will experience; it is the pain of being temporarily separated from the One we love—of being excluded from the beatific vision. St. Thomas Aquinas said, “For the more a thing is desired, the more painful is its absence.” The pain of sense suffered by the souls in Purgatory involves the pain of purification. The nature of this cleansing has traditionally been assumed to mean a literal fire, but the only proposition the Church has dogmatically defined on this issue is that the purification involves some kind of pain. However, the *Catechism* teaches that the fires of Hell and Purgatory are not “vengeance inflicted by God, but follows from the very nature of sin” (CCC 1472).

In *Spe Salvi*, Pope Benedict quotes St. Paul, “Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, his 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 3:12-15). In the Church's catechetical tradition, this passage is traditionally used to show the Scriptural basis for the doctrine of Purgatory. The image of fire and burning may explain the common confusion of the “fire” of Purgatory with the “fire” of Hell. Lest there be any such confusion, the Catechism tells us that “this final purification of the elect...is entirely different from the punishment of the damned” (§1031). Primarily, the difference is that all who enter into the “purging fire” of Purgatory have the hope of absolute assurance that they will enter the presence of God and attain the Beatific Vision of God's face. On the other hand, there is a total absence of hope in Hell--it is pure despair. Another difference is that the fires of Hell are destructive, whereas the fires of Purgatory are purifying. In addition to this, the Holy Father points out that the fire described by St. Paul is nothing other than the soul's encounter with Jesus! He writes, “The fire which both burns and saves is Christ Himself, the Judge and Savior. The encounter with Him is the decisive act of judgment. Before His gaze all falsehood melts away. This encounter with Him, as it burns us, transforms and frees us, allowing us to become truly ourselves.”

It is obvious that as we are finally separated from all our unloving attachments and stripped of our false self, we will experience pain and suffering. But this is not a cause for fear! “Yet in the pain of this encounter,” writes the Holy Father, “when the impurity and sickness of our lives become evident to us, there lies salvation. His gaze, the touch of His heart heals us through an undeniably painful transformation ‘as through fire’. But it is a blessed pain, in which the holy power of His love sears through us like a flame, enabling us to become totally ourselves and thus totally of God.” Described like this, we see not only how necessary Purgatory is, but also how desirable it is. Far from being afraid of Purgatory, we should begin to hope for it.

Objectors to the existence of Purgatory claim that “Christ's suffering is all sufficient; therefore, there is no Purgatory.” Christ suffering IS all sufficient; however, their claim actually makes too little of Christ's suffering by failing to recognize all that His suffering accomplishes. God does wash away all our *guilt* through the Sacraments, but He desires to accomplish even more than that. Christ's suffering makes Purgatory possible. A world without a Purgatory actually would make God and His sufferings less effective than what they are. People who die in a state of grace often have not had all their earthly desires purified on earth. Therefore, in the true and Catholic understanding, we need to be purged of those desires and sins before we can enter Heaven. We NEED Purgatory! Purgatory was made possible by the grace that Jesus won for us on the Cross. It is the state of existence where we are purged of our sinful desires and are reconciled with God in Heaven and His holy ways. No one in Heaven disagrees with God about what is good or evil, or holy or sinful, or true or heretical. So, before entering Heaven, we need to be purified of all that is wrong. “But nothing unclean shall enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life” (Rev. 21:27).

“For if he were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. Therefore, he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin” (2 Maccabees 12:39-46)

New Adult Ed Course: “Categetics”



This Summer we are offering a new Adult Education Course here at St. Therese, which we are calling “Categetics,” as it will teach both **Apologetics** and **Catechesis**. The course is intended for any adult who is interested in learning to defend and/or teach the Catholic Faith. All Religious Education teachers of St. Therese Church are requested to attend.

This course, which began June 23, is directed by Rhonda Storey, DRE, and Ruben Beltran, Confirmation Coordinator. Meet in the Parish Meeting Room from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., on the following Thursday evenings: July 7, 14, 21, and 28. To register or for more information, please call Rhonda Storey at 284-0020 (1).

What is the Eucharist? Where is it Spoken of in the Bible?

Many Catholics don't realize that many references to the Eucharist can be seen throughout the Old Testament hundreds, even thousands, of years before the birth of Jesus—going all the way back to the book of Genesis. It is crucial for every



Catholic to know that the Eucharist is not merely a symbol for Christ's Body, but that it is truly the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. To deny this truth is to deny Christ and His Church.

St. Therese Church invites you to join us on this amazing journey through Scripture with Dr. Brant Pitre! He will guide us to a deeper understanding of the Eucharist, in order to see that this great Sacrament has been part of God's plan since the beginning of time. Classes began June 22nd and are led by Ruben Beltran, Confirmation Coordinator, and Rhonda Storey, DRE. Sessions are held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room on the following dates: July 6, 13, and 20; August 10, 17, and 24.

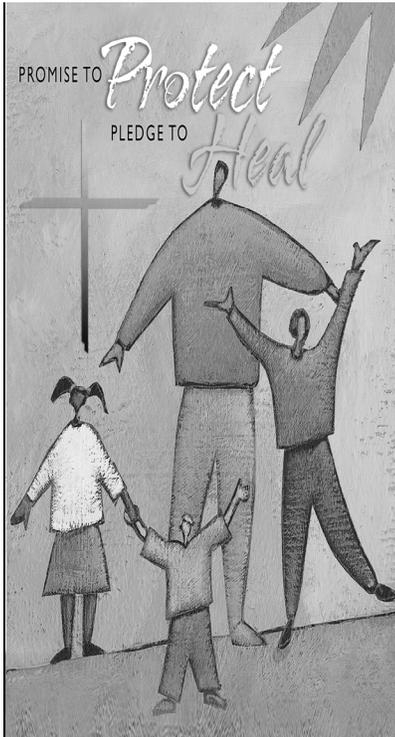
Regarding the Status of Fr. Leonel

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese Parish,

The ordination of Fr. Charles Nawodylo last month was such a joyous occasion for all of us. I can't thank you enough for all the support you have given Fr. Charles since he was assigned to St. Therese last year. In the midst of such joy I couldn't help thinking of Fr. Leonel Varela. Naturally, thinking of Fr. Leonel tinged my joy with sadness. Fr. Leonel left the Parish at the beginning of Holy Week. I have met with him a couple of times since then. On the evening before Fr. Charles' ordination, I called Fr. Leonel; I did not get to speak with him, but I did speak with his sister, with whom he is staying. All I can tell you is that Fr. Leonel has his own reasons for withdrawing from his priestly ministry and religious life. Really, I have not been able to find any adequate explanation for his decision to leave us. Unfortunately, this is not an uncommon thing in the newly ordained. Often we find that things are different from what we expected. Was Fr. Leonel disillusioned? We don't know. But he has shared that he does not think he can be a priest or a Carmelite for the rest of his life. I think many people have felt that way about their respective vocations at one time or another. Sometimes we just have to take things one day at a time. Please pray for Fr. Leonel. Pray also for Fr. Charles and all the priests. We will be sure to pray for you.

Fr. Stephen Watson, O.C.D., Provincial of the Western Province of the Discalced Carmelite Order

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN—



Increase self-esteem through praise: Praise is just as important as providing food and shelter for a child. Praise is an important aspect of raising a confident child. When you praise a child, not only do you raise their self-esteem and self-concept but you increase their overall self-worth. One thing you can do is focus on the child and describe what you see. For example, you can say: "You are so patient. That means a lot to your little brother." For more tips on praising children please email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call (213) 637-7227.

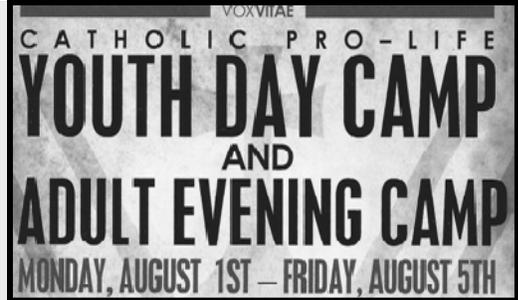
Stress can affect your child: Everyone has stress, whether it's a bad day at work, car trouble, or simply too many things to do. It is important to learn how to manage your stress—for your own sake and for the children around you. Too much stress can make it hard to parent effectively. After a while, your children may show signs of being stressed out, too. For a fact sheet on managing stress please email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call (213) 637-7227.

VOX VITAE

ATTENTION: YOUTH! ADULTS!
We are excited to announce that Vox Vitae (Be A Voice for Life) Catholic Pro Life Youth Day Camp and Adult Evening Camp are coming to Alhambra, California, from **August 1 through 5!**

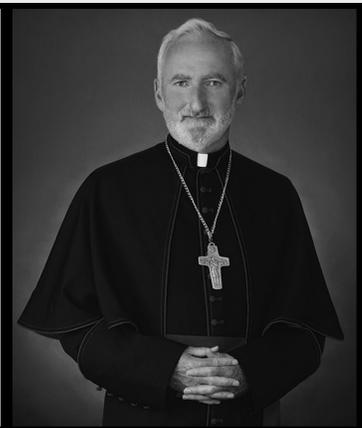
Register today and join Catholic speakers, leaders, and educators dedicated to serving God and Life! Rejoicing in our Catholic Faith, Vox Vitae Camp, held annually, aims to educate, inspire, and spiritually nurture the Youth and Adults in our Parishes and Communities. Our Campers will learn that each of them can be A Voice for Life and defend the right to life from conception to natural death, while also being able to make sound choices in their own lives.

For details, please check out our website at www.voxvitae.org/camp or call Catherine Contreras at (213) 435-3942.



"These are sad days in California. Physician Assisted Suicide is now law. But instead of losing hope, let's work together to prepare a whole new generation of youth who will be pro life. This is why Vox Vitae ProLife Camp is so important. I encourage you to send your youth to participate. We need our youth to love life and to know how to Be A Voice For Life."

-Bishop David G. O'Connell
Auxiliary Bishop of the SGV



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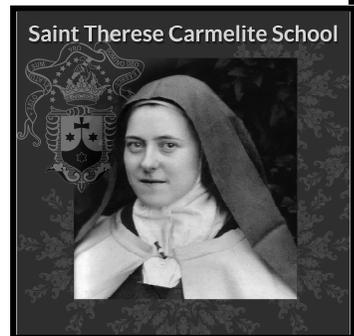
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Deeply rooted in Carmelite spirituality, Saint Therese Carmelite School seeks to form students in faith, academics, and virtue through a Classical education.



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. Please feel free to contact us at 289-3364 or by email:

sainttheresecarmeliteschool@gmail.com.



St. Therese


 RELIGIOUS
 EDUCATION
 FORMED IN JESUS CHRIST

Registration & Orientation Day

{Pre-registration on August 21st after all morning Masses at the benches}

Orientations are mandatory for all new AND returning families in both the **Elementary** and **Confirmation** programs!

Both programs are “family” programs ~ Parents attend with their children or teens on applicable Sundays

***All STUDENTS** must bring in copies of their Baptism Certificates and make payment at time of registration.



Elementary Catechesis (STRE)

Pre-K through 8th grade
(Includes Eucharist Preparation classes)



Parent Orientation: August 28 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall
September classes: September 11 and 25 from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m., including the 11:00 a.m. Mass



Class drop off time: Between 8:45 and 9:00 a.m. Please arrive on time!

Confirmation

High School Teens (9th Grade through 12th Grade)
 in public and Catholic High Schools!



Orientation for C1 & C2: August 28th at 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Center for students & parents {C1 in the Library - C2 in the PMR}

NEW TIME AND DAYS!

September classes: For candidates, parents, and C2 sponsors

C1 (1st year): Sunday, September 11, from 9:00 - 10:45 a.m., including the 11:00 a.m. Mass AND Tuesday, September 13, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
 C2 (2nd year): Sunday, September 25, from 9:00 - 10:45 a.m., including the 11:00 a.m. Mass AND Tuesday, September 27, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.



“You won’t find 100 people who hate the Catholic Church, but you will find millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be.” -Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

NOVENA & MASS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL (Feast: July 16)

All are invited to honor the Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the patroness of the Discalced Carmelite Order, at a **Triduum of Masses celebrated by Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD**, the Provincial of the Western Province of the Discalced Carmelites. Following is the schedule:

Thurs., July 14: Mass at 7:30 p.m.
 Fri., July 15: Mass at 7:30 p.m.
 Sat., July 16: Mass at our 5:00 p.m. Vigil



Enrollment in the Brown Scapular (for those never enrolled) will take place after the Mass on Saturday, July 16. There will be a special collection to help support our Carmelite Seminarians on the Masses the weekend of July 16 and 17.

Please join us in praying the following Novena from Thursday, **July 7, through Friday, July 15**, the day before the Feast.

Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel

O Most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of Christ, Immaculate Virgin, we praise and honor you as our Queen and Mother. Help us to persevere in constant prayer for the needs of our world and share with you in the work of redemption. Be with us, Holy Virgin, and guide us on our way, as we journey together in faith, hope, and love to your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Mary, Queen Beauty of Carmel, pray for us and obtain our requests.

CATHOLIC TRADITION TALK

The next Catholic Tradition Talk will be this **Friday, July 8**, at 7:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room of the Parish Center (2nd floor). Our topic will be "The Holy Grail," for which we have a very interesting presentation. All are welcome! Come and bring your friends and family!



FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

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

June 25 / 26, 2016

Unrestricted.....\$12,675.00
 Restricted \$ 1,499.00
T O T A L\$14,174.00

May 28 / 29.....\$12,307.00
 June 5 / 5.....\$13,870.00
 June 11 / 12.....\$13,867.00
 June 18/ 19.....\$13,244.00



"...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 most first Saturdays of the month at 6:00 p.m., in the Guadalupe Courtyard (next meetings will be July 2 and September 10), 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 meetings will be July 13 and 27.

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 July 14 and 28. For more info, contact Dara at (301) 542-9701.

Mass Intentions

For Week of 7/2/16 TO 7/9/16

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Lauryl Ann McGrath INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Isidore Arrambide INT

7:30 a.m.: Klaus Kasimiers INT

9:00 a.m.: Penny, Darey, Tristan and Zarah Huo INT

11:00 a.m.: Martha & Larry Campos RIP

1:00 pm (Latin) Parishioners

5:00 p.m.: Avelino & Maria Torreiro RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Monica Perez INT

*7:30 a.m.: Lynn Rapes RIP

8:00 a.m.: Loraine Hoonhout RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Gray Family INT

*7:30 a.m.: Isidore Arrambide

8:00 a.m.: Don Schabow RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Nida Vales Nazareno RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Bram Tambunan RIP

8:00 a.m.: Donald Gray RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Fermin de Jesus RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Erika Saucillo INT

8:00 a.m.: Frank Muhr RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Victor Murillo, Sr., RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Isidore Arrambide INT

8:00 a.m.: Raymond Reyes RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Wendy, Warren, Tim and Mary Chung INT

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Clara Park RIP

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

Floral Dedications

This week's dedication is:

In Loving Memory of Natalé Moretti



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

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

Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, will be the Chaplain for a Pilgrimage to Mexico (Mexico City, Tlaxcala, Ocotlan, Guadalupe, etc. December 8 to 13, 2016. \$1,599 per person (round-trip air, 1st-class hotels, daily b'fast/dinner, tours, a/c bus. Contact Beth Maddatu at (408) 903-6305 / maddatubeth@gmail.com / www.adriatictours.com

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.

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JULY:

1) That indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect; and 2) That the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean, by means of her mission to the continent, may announce the Gospel with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

QUOTE FROM OUR PATRONESS

"His Merciful Love renews and purifies me, leaving in my heart no trace of sin. No, I cannot fear Purgatory. I know that I do not merit even to enter with the Holy Souls into that place of expiation; but I know, too, that the fire of Love is more sanctifying than the fire of Purgatory. I know that Jesus cannot will needless suffering for us, and that He would not inspire me with the desires I feel if He were unwilling to fulfill them." —St. Therese of Lisieux

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