

Saint Therese Church

September 10, 2017 Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars Established 1924

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(Unless otherwise indicated, all the telephone numbers in the bulletin are in the (626) area code).

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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
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-Grief Support-2nd/4th Wed 2:30-4p.m.

-Intercessors Prayer Group:

Blanca Ruvalcaba 281-7070

-Irish Step Dance Class: Marie Henrie,

(302)299-9352/mariacahill11@yahoo.com

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-Legion of Mary: Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.

-Natural Family Planning:

Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

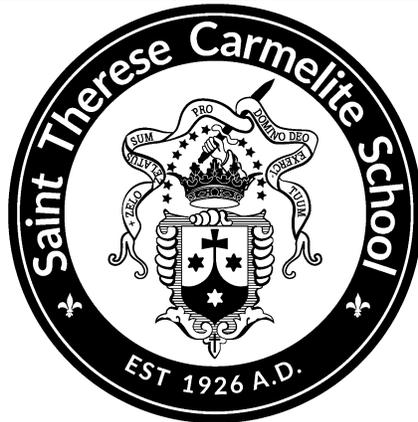
-OCDS: Stan Interrante 714-996-4164

-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



For more info about our school, go to:
www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

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
Prayer Vigil. Confessions: 7:30 p.m.

St. Therese Carmelite School:

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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

Is It A Mortal Sin to Miss Sunday Mass?

by Matt Nelson of Catholic Answers

Some Catholics, especially parents of young children, find Sunday Mass attendance difficult. But despite our parental hardships, we recognize that we have a moral duty to be there. The Catholic Church reflects this obligation in its *Code of Canon Law*: “On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass” (Can. 1247). The Sunday liturgy is mandatory, like showing up for work; and, just as skipping work can have serious consequences, so can skipping church. In fact, it is a mortal sin to miss Sunday Mass without good reason. But is the “Sunday obligation” too strict of an expectation upon Catholics?

Moral laws are like signposts: they properly orient us, and once we have been properly oriented we cease to notice them. Likewise, the Sunday obligation helps to orient us spiritually. In a sense, the Sunday Mass prepares us for the days ahead and sets the spiritual tone for the week, filling us with God’s Word and grace so we might glorify the Lord with our lives. By starting our week with the Sunday liturgy, we publicly profess with our whole being that we are members of His Church and are nothing without Him. That is why Jesus said, “He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me” (Matt. 10:37). Furthermore, the first and greatest commandment is, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind” (Matt. 22:38), which is consummated when we receive the Eucharist.

A Catholic is permitted to be absent from Sunday Mass in light of serious circumstances such as illness—but not for trivial reasons. We might be tempted to do miss because Mass is not always an engaging way to spend Sunday morning. Many of us are used to constant busyness but not used to the slowness or the silence of the liturgy. Even for a devout Catholic, it can be difficult to slow down and settle into a day of rest—and especially into a solemn hour of prayer and worship. We can’t grasp the intrinsic value of the Mass until we understand that its aim is not to stimulate like a form of entertainment—but to sanctify. Although the Eucharist is the “Source and Summit of the Christian Life,” according to the *Catechism*, it is not uncommon for a Catholic to feel almost nothing when he receives it (1324). Since the grace received in the Eucharist is not a physical or emotional sensation but a *spiritual reality*, it tends to leave the senses unmoved. For this reason, a Catholic’s experience of Sunday Mass may leave him feeling unmoved. This does not necessarily reflect a defect in the liturgy or the believer. Rather, it brings one to a deeper conviction of things unseen: “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe”.

Two grave dangers to the human soul are a lack of contemplation and lack of love. A human being cannot have enduring happiness without these two things. The Mass fosters both. To remember the Sabbath and keep it holy was not optional for the first-century Jew. To fail to do so was a violation of the third commandment and a grave sin (Num. 15:32-36). Christians replaced the Sabbath with a new day of rest that they called the Lord’s Day, the first day of the week. The essential moral prescription of the third commandment nonetheless remained: man ought to set apart a full day each week for rest and worship. “Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them,” Jesus said (Matt. 5:17).

Why Sunday? We are told in the Gospels that Jesus rose from the dead “on the first day of the week”, and ever since the time of the apostles, Christians have congregated on Sunday to worship God and receive the Eucharist together. To compound this, it is primarily in the act of receiving the Sunday Eucharist that the members of the Church unite themselves to their Lord and one other. Every Sunday “the whole Christ” is reunited in and through the Holy

Eucharist. Moreover, our choice to participate is salvific: “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, you have no life in you” (John 6:53). Theologian Colin Donovan reminds us that, “in the Mass it is Christ Himself who worships the Father, joining our worship to His. In no other way is it possible to adequately give thanks (*eucharistia*) to God...than by uniting our offerings to that of Jesus Christ Himself.” Christ does with us in the Mass what we cannot do alone: make a perfect offering to the Father.

The key to understanding why Catholics must attend Sunday Mass lies above all in the essence of the Mass itself. Our duty to be willing participants is not rooted in how it makes us feel but in what it is. As the sacred meeting place of God and man, the Mass reorients our lives towards God, reunites us with Him in love, and thereby communicates the grace of salvation to our souls. In the long run, there can be nothing more productive than that.



10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE LATIN MASS AT ST. THERESE CHURCH



NEXT SUNDAY!



This month marks ten years since we began celebrating a weekly Latin Mass at St. Therese Church. To commemorate this special milestone, as well as to honor our good shepherd and Mass celebrant, Fr. Robert Bishop, CMF, **you are invited to an Italian dinner (served family style) in the Parish Hall next Sunday, September 17, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

COST: Thanks to a generous anonymous donor, we will charge a family-friendly price of only \$10 per person. Altar boys and those who have served in the Latin Mass Choir are eligible to receive a complimentary dinner, including for their immediate family (with reservation).

PAID AND COMPLIMENTARY RESERVATIONS are required in order to attend (limited seating). You may purchase your ticket at the tables

in front of the church either before or after the 1:00 p.m. Mass.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need volunteers to help with set-up, registration, and clean-up. To sign up, please contact Donn Canzano at 584-5705 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday—or leave your contact information with the Parish Offices at 282-2744.

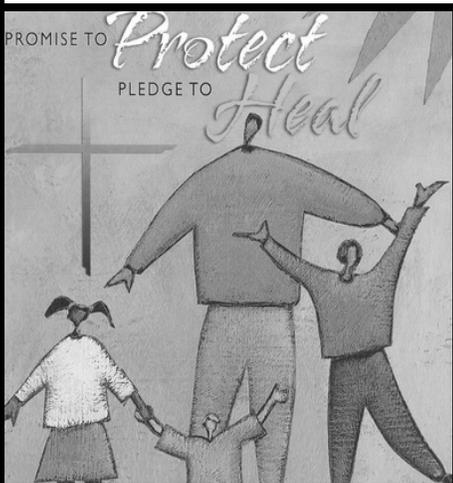
VIRTUS CLASSES

Anyone—employees and volunteers—who works with or around children in any L.A. Archdiocesan parish or school **MUST** take a VIRTUS CLASS. Last week we held the class for those attending for the first time. Next we will hold the class for those who have not attended class since 2013.

RECERTIFICATION CLASS: “Keeping the Promise Alive” is the recertification class, which must be taken every four years by all those who have already attended the initial class and who are still employees or volunteers who work with or around children in the

L.A. Archdiocese. It will be held on **Tuesday, September 19, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall.**

REGISTRATION: Call the DRE, Rhonda Storey, at 284-0021, ext. 1.



JOIN THE 11 O'CLOCK CHOIR!

The St. Therese 11:00 a.m. Mass Choir began the 2017-2018 year with its first rehearsal **l a s t Wednesday.** You may still join us! The choir sings the

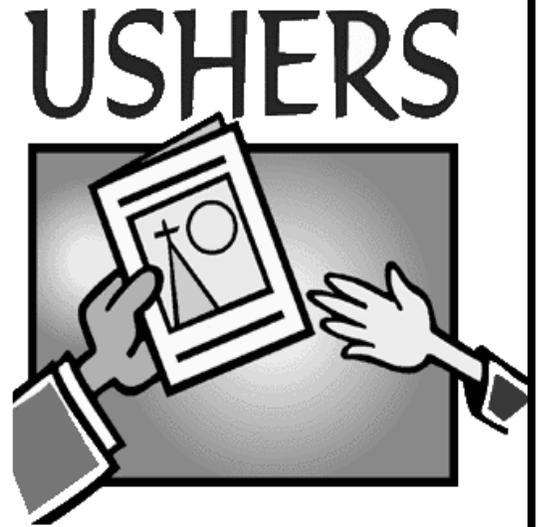


11:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday from September through June. Special Masses through 2017 include the All Souls' Requiem Mass at which the choir will sing the Fauré Requiem, an Advent Lessons and Carols Service, a pre-Midnight Mass concert, and the Mozart Coronation Mass on Christmas Day.

For more information, or to schedule an **audition**, please contact Charlotte Lansberg, Music Director, at 807-8611 OR cjlansberg@choochoorecords.com.

We greatly appreciate the time and talents of the many wonderful and dedicated ushers who help out at our Masses. For those who have not been to a training session or who are not in contact with the head usher, please contact the email below so that we can have a complete email contact list for the extra Masses that come along during the year. For any usher who would like to have a name tag, please contact: rhondalstorey@gmail.com to request one. Please call by mid-September when the order will be placed.

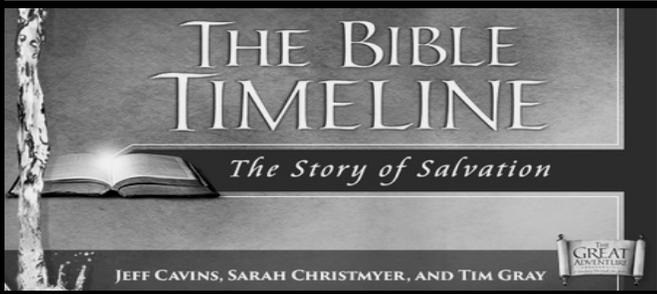
Thank you and God bless,
-Mrs. Storey and Damon Ayala



THE BIBLE TIMELINE: THE STORY OF SALVATION

Do You Know the Story?

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US!



We began the 24-session study of *The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation* last Wednesday, but you may still join us every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room. The program fee is \$35, which includes a Study Guide, Bible Timeline

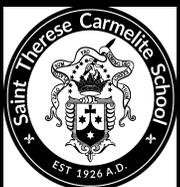
Chart, Bible Timeline Bookmark, and online access to the video presentations. To register contact **Debbie Robles** at 679-6370 or debrobles@me.com, leaving your name, number, and email address.

This is your opportunity to get the big picture of the story of salvation history. It is the story of the Faith that you are living in now. It's your story! Come learn how the key people, places and events of the Bible fit together to reveal God's plan for humanity. You will prepare at home each week by completing reading assignments and study questions. On Wednesdays, gather with your fellow pilgrims as we journey through the entire Bible in small group discussions, view 50-minute video presentations, and review the material. Go to www.ascensionpress.com for more information.

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.

"I am the smallest of creatures and I recognize my littleness, but I also know how hearts that are generous and noble love to do good." -St. Therese of Lisieux



Still Time to Register!

We encourage you to visit the school office to learn more about our wonderful school, to take a tour, or to spend a day with our amazing students and teachers. Please feel free to contact us at 289-3364 or admin@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

November 10 - 12, 2017
El Carmelo Retreat House
Redlands, California



THE Ávila Group

This Young Adult Retreat (for those in their 20s and 30s—both singles and couples) is sponsored by the Avila Groups from two of our Carmelite Parishes (here in Alhambra and from Tucson, Arizona). The retreat, which includes adoration, opportunities for spiritual direction/confession, Holy Mass, and Stations of the Cross, will begin and end with time for socializing, while entering into the *Silence of God*.

It will be held Friday evening through Sunday morning, November 10 through 12. Talks, based on the retreat theme, “*Let Yourself Be Loved*” (St. Elizabeth of the Trinity), will be given by the Discalced Carmelite Friars, including Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos and Fr. Juan Elias Medina.

SIGN UP: For more information or to sign-up to attend this retreat, please contact Dalal at 619-333-9619 OR dalalSaied@gmail.com.

BAPTISM MINISTRY

In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **PARENTS & GODPARENTS** are required to attend a class from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Library (next will be September 7). The fee is \$100 per child OR \$25 for the class only. Baptisms are on Saturdays (next open is September 30 at 11:00 a.m.).

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.

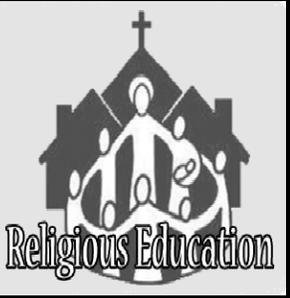
TO REGISTER, go to our website and click on Sacraments > Baptism. You will also need to bring a copy of your child’s birth certificate to the class.



NO RUMMAGE SALE OR HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Attention: St. Therese will NOT be having a Rummage Sale and will NOT be having a Holiday Boutique this year. Therefore, please **DO NOT** drop off any household items, clothing, furniture, etc., anywhere on the church or school grounds since there will be no event at which to sell them. Thank you for all your support through the years!

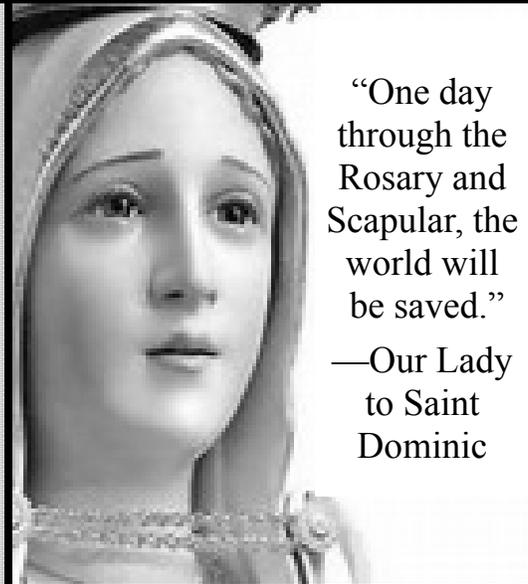
ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS ED (STRE) & YOUTH CONFIRMATION



REGISTRATION FOR ALL PROGRAMS: You may still register prior to the beginning of class. Remember to bring a copy of your child’s baptism certificate.

ELEMENTARY: The first classes will begin TODAY, Sunday, September 10, at 9:00 a.m.

CONFIRMATION: The First for Year 1 is TODAY, Sunday, September 10, at 9:00 a.m.; the First for Year 2 will be September 24 at 9:00 a.m.



“One day through the Rosary and Scapular, the world will be saved.”
 —Our Lady to Saint Dominic

2017 IS THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA

LLADRO RAFFLE

Buy a raffle ticket to try to win a gorgeous vintage Lladro figurine, "A King is Born." All proceeds benefit the School.

It is in mint condition in the original box with all the documentation (the current minimum retail is \$895). Raffle tickets are on sale for \$2 each in the Gift Shoppe after all the weekend Masses. The winner's name will be drawn on Christmas Eve.

NEW CELL PHONES FOR THE FRIARS

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has generously supplied each priest in the Archdiocese with new cell phones (and new phone numbers), which—of course, includes the Carmelite Friars.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

Due to vacation time, the bulletin went to print before the weekend of September 2 and 3. The totals will be available in the September 17 issue. Below are the last 4 available totals:

August 5 / 6.....	\$14,402.00
August 12 / 13.....	\$17,429.00
August 19 / 20.....	\$19,253.00
August 26 / 27.....	\$13,008.00

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

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 on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Following time for gathering, each session then begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. New session began September 6. See Page Four for all the details. 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: The EnCourage apostolate is the Catholic Church's outreach to parents and other loved ones of people who experience same-sex attractions. Together with their chaplain, EnCourage members meet regularly to support one another towards the goal of remaining faithful to the teachings of the Church while maintaining strong, healthy family bonds. For more information about our confidential meetings in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles please email EnCourage.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 September 13 and 27.

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 (302) 299-9352.

LEGION OF MARY: Consider becoming a member of the Legion. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Offices (Lisieux Room). The object of the Legion is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation. Every legionary is required to carry out a weekly apostolic work in the spirit of faith and in union with Mary.

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 9/9/17 TO 9/16/17

Saturday:

5 p.m.: Elide Ayuso, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Anne Teresa of Jesus, OCD, INT
 7:30 a.m.: Parishioners
 9:00 a.m.: Richard Rodriguez, RIP
 11:00 a.m.: Marie Serafini, RIP
 1:00 p.m. (Latin): Pierrino Mascarino, RIP
 5:00 p.m.: Beatriz De Castro, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Mr. and Mrs. Steven Conlisk, 30th Anniv INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Maureen of Merciful Love, OCD, INT
 8:00 a.m.: Luis Figueroa, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Mr. and Ms. Steven Conlisk, 30th Ann INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Maureen of Merciful Love, OCD, INT
 8:00 a.m.: Alex Lessard, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Mr. and Ms. Steven Conlisk, 30th Ann INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Maureen of Merciful Love, OCD, INT
 8:00 a.m.: Marcela Miller, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Mr. and Ms. Steven Conlisk, 30th Ann INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Teresita Marie of the Holy Euch, OCD, INT
 8:00 a.m.: Tilly Cashion, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: John Santoso, INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Angelle Francisse & Karina Therese, INT
 8:00 a.m.: John & Erin Thibodeau, INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Anthony V. Cailan, INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
 8:00 a.m.: Mary L. Kennedy, RIP

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

Floral Dedication

This week's dedication is:

In Loving Memory of
Danny Parra



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

Outside the Parish

Pilgrimage to the Carmelite Mission in Uganda with Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, from Oct. 24 through Nov. 7. Cost is \$2,860 each. Payment in full due at time of reservation. If interested, contact Angela Yang at 394-4367 or aokyang@gmail.com or email Fr. Steve at stephenocd@juno.com. Make checks payable to Avenue of Travel and mail to 21923 Caprock Canyon, San Antonio, Texas 78258.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

Men! Would you like more information about becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus? We are a fraternal order of men looking to strengthen our faith as we serve the Church and community. If you are a Catholic man 18 or over, here are five reasons we encourage you to join us: 1) The heartbeat of the Knights is service; 2) We support the Catholic Church with outreach and financial help; 3) We are pro-family; 4) We are strongly and devoutly pro-life; and 5) We are faithful to the Church. For more information, call the Alhambra Grand Knight, Paul Gutierrez, at (888) 869-3124.

Personal Ads

Young man new to the parish (student) would like to RENT A ROOM in your house. If you have availability, call Jon at (214) 930-2583.

GRAMMAR TUTORING & ADULT TAPE DANCE CLASSES by parishioner Marisela Miranda. To schedule tutoring sessions & purchase tap class cards, visit Ms. Miranda's website at: www.oneasparagusnation.com.

Lectors

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.: Rebeca Willis / Marta Timar; Sunday: 7:30 a.m.: Jackie Johnson / Rex Owens; 9:00 a.m.: Beatriz Pelayo-Garcia; 11:00 a.m.: Andy Zepeda / Lucy Lopez; 5:00 p.m.: Miriam Lopez

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