

Saint Therese Church

September 17, 2017 Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars Established 1924

www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

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

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In Residence: Fr. Albert Busic, OCD (335); Dcn. Bro. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD (224); Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD

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Vocations: Carmelite: (909) 629-9495; Archdiocesan (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 (web-site or office) six months+ in advance.

- Facilitator: Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)
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-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.

-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:

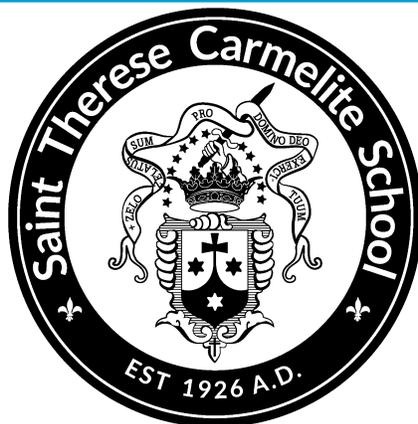
Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

-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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Youth & Adult Confirmation

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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

Will Following Christ Spare Us From Suffering and Make Us Feel Good?

By Constance T. Hull (www.CatholicExchange.com)

There is a growing tendency in certain Church circles—both Protestant and Catholic—to over-emphasize our feelings. Our faith is true regardless of how we feel in a given situation. If we reduce everything to our feelings, we very often become indifferent to actual truth and begin to worship ourselves instead of God. Being Catholic is demanding. It requires our whole selves, not a small section of ourselves that we carve out for Christ. In relying on our senses, we become overly concerned with how we feel in our prayer lives, at Mass, or in working with other people. We may abandon believing in Church doctrine—such as Purgatory—in place of the heresy of morally-therapeutic Deism. We may begin to think we have only to be a “good” person.

As Catholics, we believe in concrete and objective truths that are grounded in the very person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God made man—professed in the Nicene Creed. Why should we think that our lives will be any different from Our Savior’s, who gave His life for us all. The Resurrection does not happen before the Cross. Any cursory reading of Scripture will quickly dispel a sentimental understanding of the Christian life. During the Sermon on the Mount, Christ makes the Christian life very plain. He explains what we must do to gain everlasting life and find true happiness in this life and in the next. The Beatitudes are incredibly difficult, counterintuitive, *and* pragmatic. They are raw, gritty, and every single one of us fails to live up to them on a daily basis. If we turn the Beatitudes into something sentimental, or worse, an impossible ideal, then we’ve missed out on Christ’s call for each one of us. It is through the Beatitudes that Christ upsets the world order and teaches us something radically different. The Beatitudes do not always make us feel good. They demand too much to be reduced to feeling warm and fuzzy inside.

We are blessed in periods of trial and suffering because it is then that God draws us closer to Himself. It is through suffering that we learn to become entirely dependent on God. It can be easy to ignore the Cross in favor of a sole emphasis on the Resurrection, but this is not Catholic understanding. Our churches have—or at least should have—a crucifix on prominent display. It is the Cross that paves the way to the Resurrection. Without the Cross, we would still be lost in sin and death. We are called to lay down everything for God and others. We are called to give our very selves, our totality of self, to God. We cannot hold anything back, even if it means martyrdom. The Cross’s call to each one of us destroys any temptation to over-sentimentalize the Faith. Instead He says to you and to me, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it (Mark 8:34-36). The Cross is the only way to eternal life and if we reduce our faith to sentimentality and feelings, we will miss the mark. We cannot progress in holiness without living the Cross.

We experience a wide variety of emotions throughout our day. We may feel happy one minute and angry the next. Given this knowledge, it should be apparent why our emotions cannot be our guide on the path to holiness. If we only want to feel “good” all of the time, then Christianity is not for us. If our attendance at Mass is predicated upon our feelings, then it will be easy to leave the fullness of faith and the Real Presence in the Eucharist for the mega-church down the street. If, however, we understand that Mass is not about us but is about giving glory to God, then we will be able to more fully participate in the Mass and receive the graces that flow from that participation.



There is nothing greater that can be offered to us on this side of eternity than the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Savior, given to us in the Eucharist. Watch the priest’s actions closely during the Mass. Every movement and word brings us into a deeper reality. Focus on Christ during Mass, not feelings and emotions. The reduction of our Faith to sentimentality leads quickly to indifference and irrelevance.

Our faith is not sentimental, but is grounded in the Cross of Our Savior who endured torture and death to set us free. We are called to pick up our own Cross in order to follow God. Most of the time we do not feel “good” as we continue to persevere by God’s grace. Instead, we keep our eyes firmly fixed on Christ and ask Him to help us to bear our Crosses well so that we may enter into the deep realities of God.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

November 10 - 12, 2017



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 (St. Therese in Alhambra and Santa Cruz in Tucson, Arizona). The retreat, which includes adoration, opportunities for spiritual direction/confession, Holy Mass, Lauds/Vespers, and Stations of the Cross, will begin and end with time for socializing, before entering into the *Silence of God*.

LET YOURSELF
BE
LOVED

It will be held from 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 10, through 1:00 p.m. Sunday, November 12. Conferences, 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. For more info, go to the Facebook page, AVILA OUTREACH. **ONLY TWENTY SPOTS ARE OPEN FOR THOSE FROM ST. THERESE**, so sign up is on a “first come, first served” basis (there are also 20 spots for those from Tucson). The cost per person is \$150 (room and all meals).

If interested in attending, please submit a \$40 non-refundable deposit by SEPTEMBER 25 (the balance of \$110 will be due October 23; if you end up unable to attend after submitting your deposit, the money will be used to assist another retreatant). **Make your check payable to “St. Therese Church”** and mail to or drop off at the parish offices (510 N. El Molino Street).

For questions, please contact Dalal Saied at (619) 333-9619 or dalalsaied@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR

"Eyes Fixed on Jesus"

JOIN THE CHOIR!



“...keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.
-Hebrews 12:2

All Young Adult Catholics (in their 20’s and 30’s / singles and couples) are invited to join the St. Therese Avila Group for a HOLY HOUR with Prayerful Praise, Silence, Message, and Benediction. It will be held in

the church on Wednesday evening, September 20, from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Confessions from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.) Brother Deacon Matthias Lambrecht, OCD, will lead the service.

For more information, go to the Facebook page for the Avila Group, AVILA OUTREACH, or email Dalal at DalalSaied@gmail.com.

The St. Therese 11:00 a.m. Mass Choir began the 2017-2018 year with its first rehearsal last 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

USHERS

We greatly appreciate the time and talents of the many wonderful and dedicated ushers who help out at our Masses.



E-MAIL ROSTER: 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.

NAME TAG: For any usher who would like to have a name tag, please contact Rhonda Storey at rhondalstorey@gmail.com to request one. Please do so 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

We began the 24-session study of *The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation* on September 6, but you may still join us every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room (catch up on the Ascension Press website: www.ascensionpress.com). The program fee is \$35, which includes a Study Guide, Bible Timeline Chart, Bible Timeline Bookmark, and online access to the video presentations. For more info, contact Debbie Robles at 679-6370 or debrobles@me.com.



You will prepare at home each week by completing reading assignments and study questions. 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.

VIRTUS Recertification



Anyone—employees and volunteers—who works with or around children in any L.A. Archdiocesan parish or school **MUST** take a VIRTUS CLASS. Earlier this month 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 LA. Archdiocese. It will be held **THIS TUESDAY, September 19**, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

REGISTRATION? No registration needed. Just show up—on time!

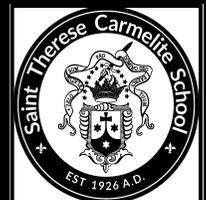
SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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

“God would never inspire us with desires which cannot be realized; so in spite of my littleness, I can hope to be a saint.” -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.



CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



Come one and all! Join us in the Parish Hall next **Saturday, September 23, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**, to learn how you can become **CONSECRATED** to the Immaculate Heart of Mary when we honor Our Lady of the Rosary in October. This is for both those desiring to become consecrated for the first time **AND** for those who are renewing their consecration.

We will prayerfully ponder Our Lady of Fatima's message to the children as we prepare for consecration. **NO BOOKS** are needed. Our Mission Focus will be Saint

Therese Carmelite School.

If you have any questions, please contact Angela Avila at (702) 373-1822.

"Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world. Add after each decade the following prayer: *'O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.'*"

-Our Lady of Fatima



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 October 5). The fee is \$100 per child **OR** \$25 for the class **only**. Baptisms are on Saturdays (next open is October 28 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.

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 next classes will be Sundays, September 24 and October 8 and 22—at 9:00 a.m.

CONFIRMATION: The next classes for Year 2 are Sunday, September 24, at 9:00 a.m.; and Tuesday, September 26, at 7:00 p.m.; next classes for Year 1 are Sunday, October 8, at 9:00 a.m., and Tuesday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m.

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!



LLADRO RAFFLE

Buy a raffle ticket to try to win a gorgeous vintage Lladro figurine, "A King is Born" (depicting the Holy Family). 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!

September 9 / 10, 2017

Unrestricted.....	\$12,001.00
Restricted	\$ 2,661.00
T O T A L	\$14,662.00
August 12 / 13.....	\$17,429.00
August 19 / 20.....	\$19,253.00
August 26 / 27.....	\$13,008.00
September 2 / 3,	\$26,075.00

"...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 meeting will be September 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 9/16/17 TO 9/23/17

Saturday:

5 p.m.: Bob, Pat, and Hazel Lessard, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Mary Lucia of the SH & IH, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Anne Sheedy, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Frank DeMarco, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Joseph Carvalho, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Parishioners

5:00 p.m.: Jose N. Vales, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Lilian V. Arevalo, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Maria Antonia Scheer, OCD, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Michael Anthony Odonon, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Aracel Fortuna, B-day INT

*7:30 a.m.: Patrick Yiu, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Terry Seidler, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Mr. and Ms. Steven Conlisk, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Virginia Aclaro, INT

8:00 a.m.: Terry Seidler, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Maria Serafini, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: John Chan, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Arvella Champieux, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Flora Santoso, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Agnes Marie & Sr. Mary Joanne, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Maria Serafini, RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Maria Serafini, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Milagros, Benjamin, & Rolando Samson, 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
Paul Tassi and Joseph Tassi



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 Rome with Michael Voris of Church Militant on October 2-9. Departure From Newark, NJ (EWR), \$2,869 per person, double occupancy. Includes four-star hotel near the Vatican, flights, most meals, deluxe motor coach, tour guides, daily Michael Voris conferences, and much more. For more info, call (216) 751-8301 or (888) 564-9868 (M-F; 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) or e-mail JimAdair@TheCatholicTour.com. Full details at www.churchmilitant.com/rome-pilgrimage.

JOB OPENINGS at Sacred Heart Retreat House:
Part-Time Cook for retreat house kitchen (Thurs-Sat. & every other Sun--25 hours/week);
Administrative Operations Manager (Full-Time): experienced with Catholic educational/formational background--to oversee facility operations/maintenance including kitchen, housekeeping, maintenance and grounds, with budget, risk management, safety and HR duties. Call (626) 289-1353 x252 for further info. To apply, send cover letter and resume to: cfcadmin@carmelitesistersocd.com.

Personal Ads

Parishioner (with collapsible walker) seeks WEEKLY RIDE to the 5:00 p.m. MASS either Saturday or Sunday. Three miles from church. If you can help, call Irene at 627-1899.

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.: Alice Cheung / Larry Dumont;
Sunday: 7:30 a.m.: Ron Sandoval / Flora Santoso; 9:00 a.m.: Nancy King;
11:00 a.m.: Pat Cervantes / Jason Perez; 5:00 p.m.: TBD

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