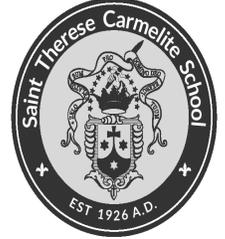




Saint Therese Church



September 18, 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 (224) **In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD

Deacon Couple: Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333)

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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 (on the website or in the office) at least six months in advance.

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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
Mike Stauffer: (310) 916-8419

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

-Little Flower Playgroup:
Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701

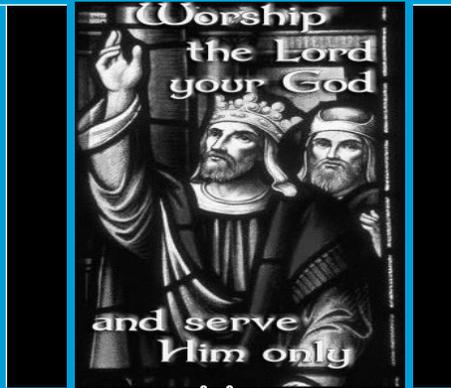
-Natural Family Planning:

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



God. wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.
—1 Timothy 2:4

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.

“NOT Voting for Pro-Choice Candidates Is What Catholics are Called to do.” —Kathryn Jean Lopez

When the leader of the Knights of Columbus recently insisted that Catholics cannot in good conscience vote for candidates who support abortion, he was doing no more than restating the Gospel and Catholic social teaching.

A few days ago I was sitting in a hotel ballroom listening to Carl Anderson, head of the Knights of Columbus, deliver his annual report on the work the Knights have been up to over the past year. During the course of some 10,000 words, he spoke relatively briefly about the upcoming election; but his words made waves when he insisted that Catholics in good conscience can't vote for candidates who are proponents of legal abortion. Anderson said considering the issue of abortion must be a priority. He didn't say it's the only thing we need to care about, but he did say that when assessing a candidate it ought to be a showstopper and a game-changer, and he's completely right. A point worth making is that Anderson was not speaking in the context of an academic theological debate. He was making an argument for a new, non-partisan political strategy, which is that we can change policy by withholding our vote from any candidate, of any party, who supports abortion. Anderson sees that voting for pro-abortion politicians for other reasons has not brought them closer to a moral position, or even the pro-restriction position that polling shows is held by 8 in 10 Americans. His point was that at a time when America's fundamental moral direction seems up for grabs, encouraging a pro-abortion candidate, for whatever reason, is not a wise, prudent choice. That's all the more so as another Catholic vice-presidential candidate wraps himself in the flag of Pope Francis. Yet Francis, as it happens, is also against abortion. The fifth Commandment is a fundamental, as far as both he and the Bible are concerned.

To give you a taste of Anderson's speech as it had to do with politics, he said, "Some partisan advocates have sought to excuse support for pro-abortion candidates through a complex balancing act. They claim other issues are important enough to offset a candidate's support for abortion. But the right to abortion is not just another political issue; it is, in reality, a legal regime that has resulted in more than 40 million deaths." Anderson offered a visual to make this more than numbers in the abstract: "Imagine for a moment the largest 25 cities in the United States and Canada—including New York, Los Angeles, Toronto, Montreal, Chicago, Houston, Philadelphia, Dallas and Vancouver—being suddenly empty of people. This is what the loss of 40 million human beings would look like. In fact, 40 million is greater than the entire population of Canada." And then he emphasized, "What political issue could possibly outweigh this human devastation? The answer, of course, is that there is none. Abortion is different. Abortion is the killing of the innocent on a massive scale." Anderson was spot-on: Abortion is a poison. It hurts men and women and families, and it makes for the throwaway society Pope Francis so often talks about. It is precisely Catholics not taking this reality seriously—not to mention the Gospel and Catholic social teaching—that has gotten us to the point we are today: Mad, confused, and dismayed about politics. In effect, Anderson was leading us in a civic examination of conscience, in the spirit of Pope Francis, a student of Ignatius Loyola, who was a master of rigorous discernment in the spiritual life. In many ways—having been a witness to some of what the Knights have done over the past year on the Christian genocide by the Islamic State, and having just been in Krakow at their Mercy Centre where young lives were changed and transformed—I thought what he said about the election was not only obvious, but just what the doctor ordered.

Around the same time eight years ago, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia expressed his disappointment in Catholics for not being leaders for life: "Catholics have been historically part of the Democratic party in great numbers," he said, "and I think they could have really stopped that development and movement if they had tried. But they didn't." He added, "We are Catholics before we are Democrats; we are Catholics before we are Republicans; we are even Catholics before we are Americans." This is not news to anyone who has read St. John Paul II's *Evangelium Vitae*—a document that was a leaven for ecumenical unity—or who's heard Pope Francis' warnings against ideological colonization. It's also not new to anyone familiar with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Christians do not belong to this world, and certainly are not bound to political parties above the love God has demonstrated to us on the Cross. If there's any breaking news in Anderson's remarks, it is that we remain stuck in an unnecessary divide. This election is an opportunity for Catholics, other Christians and religious believers, and all people of good will. **Don't be party people. Be a people of life.** Talking about politics and practical front-line work, Anderson said to his brother Knights of Columbus, "Every time we save a life, we change the course of history." And he meant that not just at the beginning of life, but throughout all of life and at its end. He explained, "This is why the Knights of Columbus will always be at the forefront of the pro-life cause, protecting life from its beginning to its natural end." He emphasized, "In 1882 [when the Knights were founded], widows and orphans were on the margins of society. Today, it is the unborn and those at the end of life. That is why now, as throughout our history, the Knights embrace those who are being ignored by society." We are a nation that loves opining and disagreeing. Yet when it comes to the Knights and Anderson's advice on voting, as well as on charity and telling the truth, following their lead seems the most obvious thing to do. In many ways, it seems the least we could do.

St. Therese



Elementary Catechesis (STRE) - Pre-K through 8th grade (includes Eucharist Preparation classes) - September classes: Sunday, September 25, from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m., including the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please arrive on time!

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

Upcoming classes: For candidates, parents, and C-2 sponsors
C1 (1st year): Sunday, October 2, from 9:00 - 10:45 a.m., including the 11:00 a.m. Mass AND this Tuesday, October 4, 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.



PARISH MISSION

With Fr. Wolfgang Seitz, ORC

Friday, September 30, through Sunday, October 2

Friday, September 30

6:30 p.m.: Adoration

7:30 p.m. Conference: *"The Trial of the Angels and the Battle over the Human Family"* (in honor of St. Michael)



Saturday, October 1

Solemnity of St. Therese of Lisieux

3:30 p.m.: Confessions

5:00 p.m.: Solemnity Mass for St. Therese

6:30 p.m. Conference: *"St. Therese and the Angels"*



Sunday, October 2

Feast of the Guardian Angels

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.:

Masses celebrated by Fr. Wolfgang

6:30 p.m. Conference:

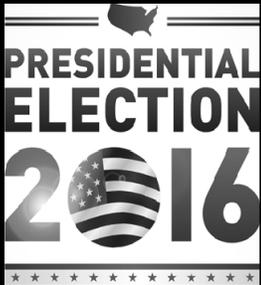
"Our Guardian Angels, Messengers of God's Mercy"



VIRTUS CLASS

We will have a VIRTUS RECERTIFICATION CLASS ("Keeping the Promise Alive") this Tuesday, September 20, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, in the Parish Meeting Room. This is for all those who took the original "Protecting God's Children" in 2012 or before.

You do not need to pre-register... just show up!



Prayer for the Election

Dear God in Heaven, Please give us a president who loves this country and everything it stands for. Please give us a president who respects you as the One, True God. Please give us a

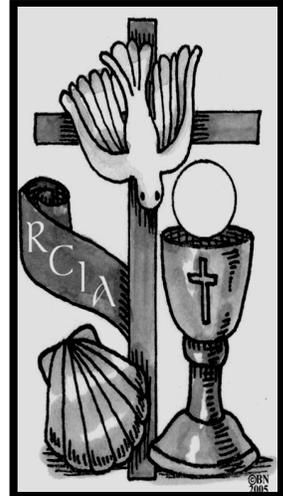
president who will, with your help, restore this nation to its former glory. Please give us a president who will not destroy our churches. Please help us to respect what you have given to us and not take anything for granted ever again. Please God, weaken the evil and strengthen the good, both within and without. May our eyes be opened. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



RCIA

Adult Faith Formation

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or completing your sacraments in the Catholic Church, please come to our next session (in the Parish Meeting Room) on Thursday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m.



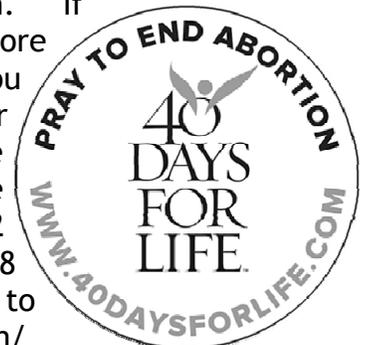
For questions, please contact the DRE, Rhonda Storey, at 284-0020 (1).

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

From September 28 through November 6, you're invited to join other Catholics for 40 Days for Life: 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 330 South Garfield Avenue, Alhambra (Northeast corner of Garfield and Beacon Street) and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If

you'd like more information or you would like to volunteer to pray with us, please contact Catherine Contreras at 353-3452 OR Elaine at 497-0448 or go to www.40daysforlife.com/



Mark Your Calendars!



Holiday Boutique

Our annual Boutique will be on Saturday and Sunday, November 5 and 6, in the Parish Hall! Details to come!

Guadalupe Festival

This Festival, in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 9, 10, and 11. On her feast day, Monday, December 12, at 6:00 a.m., we will celebrate a special Mass in her honor.



Now Collecting for the Rummage Sale on October 22 & 23

NOW is the time to go through your closets, garages, spare rooms, junk drawers, etc., and find all the things you no longer need or want. Then bring these donations to the Parish Offices for the Rummage Sale on Saturday and Sunday, OCTOBER 22 and 23.

GET YOUR
RID OF
STUFF

JOIN A CHOIR!

Come share the joy of adoring God and serving our community through music!

The St. Therese Traditional Choir (for the 11:00 a.m. Mass) rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. Plans for the year include the 11:00 a.m. Mass, a parish Requiem Mass, a Christmas concert, a Lenten program, and a Spring Concert. For more information, contact Charlotte Lansberg, Music Director, by phone at 807-8611 or by email at cjlansberg@choochoorecords.com.



The St. Therese Contemporary Choir (for the 9:00 a.m. Mass) has its rehearsals on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., and at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays (prior to the Mass). For more information, contact Marcia Bateman by phone at (775) 771-4992 or by email at mabateman1@gmail.com.

ST. THERESE SCHOOL

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



"A word or a smile is often enough to put fresh life in a despondent soul."

-St. Therese of Lisieux

Upcoming events:

- Tuesday, September 20: VIRTUS Re-Certification Class, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 22: Back to School Night, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, September 23: School Mass, 8:00 a.m.
- Mon., Sept. 26: Parent Service Organization, 6:30pm
- Friday, September 30: School Mass, 8:00 a.m.
- Friday, October 7: First Friday Mass, 8:00 a.m.
- Monday, October 10: Columbus Day—No School
- Thursday, October 13: Battle of Lepanto Presented by Grade 8 at 8:00 a.m.
- October 22 & 23: RUMMAGE SALE—Bring your
- Tuesday, October 25: Christian Service 4 Life, Grades 6 - 8
- Friday, October 31: All Saints' Day Pageant & Carnival, Noon - 2:15pm

We are still accepting applications for the 2016 - 2017 academic year. 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 teachers and students. Please feel free to contact us at (626) 289-3364 or by email: sainttheresecarmeliteschool@gmail.com.



FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

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

September 10 / 11, 2016



Unrestricted.....	\$12,542.00
Restricted	\$ 2,592.00
T O T A L	\$15,134.00
August 13 / 14.....	\$12,089.00
August 20 / 21.....	\$17,240.00
August 27 / 28.....	\$12,336.00
September 3 / 4.....	\$22,656.00

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

VOLUNTEER TEACHERS ARE NEEDED FOR



Religious Education

If you have a strong commitment to our faith and are able to “connect” with your people, we are interested in talking with you about teaching in our religious education programs. We are seeking:

✝ CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS and RELIGIOUS ED CATECHIST FOR THIRD-FOURTH-FIFTH GRADES

Please contact the DRE, Rhonda Storey, at 284-0020, (1) for more information.

ON-GOING MEETINGS / CLASSES / MINISTRIES

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 meeting will be October 1), as well as for social events (movie/pub nights, sports events, concerts, dances, etc.). For more information, contact Paula at (909-703-1284 or pg Grimm.dir@gmail.com).

BIBLE STUDY: Join us every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Following time for gathering, socializing or studying, each session will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. This term we are studying the Gospel of John, via a DVD series with Dr. Edward Sri. . For more info about these sessions, visit www.AscensionPress.com. **TO REGISTER**, contact Debbie at debobles@me.com or 679-6370.

DETENTION MINISTRY: Join us in visiting the youth in the Juvenile Detention Center in L.A. To sign up or for more info, call Sonia at (323) 724-6443.

“GOING DEEPER”: Adults are welcome to join us in the Hall every Wednesday at 7:30 pm. Each week Parishioner, Author, and Producer Leo Severino will give a talk about a topic of our Catholic Faith in order to answer questions about God, our existence, and His Church—during which attendees are free to interject questions.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group (formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro) is for those grieving a loved one—no matter how long or for whom. We meet in the Parish Offices from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month. **The next meeting will be September 28.**

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. For more information, please contact Kelly at (805) 421-7548 or 1stkdoc@gmail.com.

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 in the world. For more info, call Lucy at 281-3706.



Mass Intentions

For Week of 9/17/16 TO 9/24/16

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Anne Sheedy RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Veronica, OCD INT
 7:30 a.m.: Grace Lowenberg INT
 9:00 a.m.: Frank DeMarco RIP
 11:00 a.m.: Jesus Alcaraz & Socorro Bejar RIP
 1:00 pm (Latin) Therese Hong T. Nguyen RIP
 5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Ricardo Anzures INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Therese Hong T. Nguyen RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Mary Cassidy INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Wendy Chang INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Melina Suarez INT
 8:00 a.m.: Therese Hong T. Nguyen RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Max Estrada RIP
 *7:30 a.m.: Therese Hong T. Nguyen RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Dorca Sanchez RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Flora Santoso INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Arauh Fortuna INT
 8:00 a.m.: Therese Hong T. Nguyen RIP

First Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Darcy, Penny, Tristan, and Zarah Wo INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Therese Hong T. Nguyen RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Alma Cornejo INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory, esp members of FOSS
 *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
 8:00 a.m.: Therese Hong T. Nguyen RIP

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

Floral Dedications

This week's Floral Dedication is:

In Loving Memory of
 Baby Cecilia Crow
 "Always in our Hearts"

Make arrangements for a dedication in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones! Just leave a message for Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049.



Personal Ads

Female with small (11 lb) dog is SEEKING TO RENT A BACK HOUSE OR A ROOM IN YOUR HOME. Please call 808-6244 if you have availability.

SEEKING A CAREGIVER FOR A HEALTHY FEMALE SENIOR. Must speak Chinese, be available in the morning, and be able to drive her to the doctor. Call Mary at 840-0955.

Outside the Parish

The International Theology of the Body Congress will be held September 22-25 at the Ontario Convention Center (first time on the West Coast). The theme is "Love, Mercy, and the Gift of the Family." *Theology of the Body is a complete vision for humanity. It incorporates*



the beauty and purpose of the human person made male and female. It proposes that the body makes visible an invisible reality, and through it men and women find joy, hope, freedom, and fulfillment. Speakers, such as Dr. Edward Sri, Christopher West, Jason Evert, Matt Fradd, and Archbishop Cordileone, will present on topics that pertain to the family, including divorce, homosexuality, transgenderism, pornography, parenting, the single life, and more. Special pre-Congress workshops are available on Thursday, September 22, with a FREE afternoon course in Spanish taught by Rebeca Barba. Groups of 5 or more can attend at a reduced rate of \$189 per person. It is not too late to register! Visit www.tobcongress.com for more information.

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR SEPTEMBER:

1) That all contribute to the common good and the building of a society that places the human person at the center; and 2) That by the Sacraments and Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.

L e c t o r s

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Marta Timar

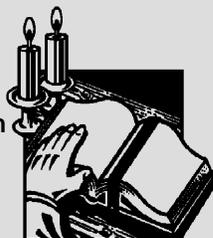
Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Florence Goh / Thu Nguyen

9:00 a.m. Lucas Setiady / Nancy King

11:00 a.m. Andy Zepeda

5:00 p.m. Lucy Lopez



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