

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 29, 2019 **MINISTERED BY THE DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS** Estab. 1924



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Deacon Gilbert Vargas X333

NEW PARISHIONERS,

Register in the office at 510 N. El Molino Street, Alhambra.

Office Hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; from 2:00 to 5:00 pm; and from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm and from 5:00 to 6:00 pm).

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open 24/7. An electronic key is needed from 5:00 pm to 6:00 am (available in the office for \$20).

SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL (626) 289-3364

www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

Principal: Alma Cornejo X661

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Chaplain: Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD X224

See our VIDEOS on the School's Facebook page or on the Church's Website: > Our School > Videos



MASSES AND 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.

Confessions: Wed: 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Sat: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Daily Rosary: Mon-Sat after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

First Friday: Mass and Confessions: 7:30 p.m.

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

Weddings: Fill out an application (website or office) six months+ in advance

Holy Communion to the Sick: Fred & Margaret Padilla, (626) 282-0943

Anointing of the Sick: Call the office to schedule an appointment.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Grade School, Confirmation

for Youth & Adults, RCIA, and Liturgical Ministries): Call the main office



NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Happy New Year!

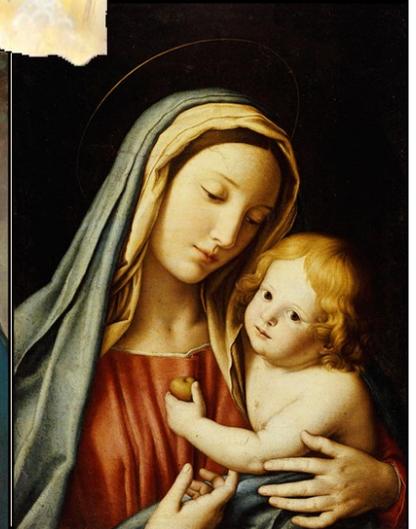
Masses for
the Solemnity
of the Feast
of Mary,
Mother of God



New Year's Eve
Tuesday, December 31
Midnight Mass



New Year's Day
Wednesday, January 1
Masses at 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 a.m.,
and 7:30 p.m.



THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



St. Therese of Lisieux
with the Holy Family

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family. It is normally celebrated on the first Sunday after Christmas; however, if Christmas and New Years both fall on Sundays, it is celebrated on December 30. Although there are major feast days dedicated to each member of the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—the Feast of the Holy Family commemorates their life together. Because of the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt, a feast for the Holy Family has been observed by the Copts from early times. In Western Christianity, however, veneration for the Holy Family as a group, rather than as individuals, did not arise until the 17th century. Devotion to the Holy Family came to be known throughout Canada, thanks to the efforts of Barbara d’Ailleboust—who came to Canada with her husband to instruct Indians—and Jesuit Father Chaumonot, who founded the

Confraternity of the Holy Family. Then-Msgr. Francois de Laval, who was later appointed the first bishop of New France, invited them to Quebec, where the Confraternity was managed and devotion was spread throughout Canada. The purpose was to preserve good morals.

In 1893, Pope Leo XIII expressed his approval of a Feast of the Holy Family as an efficacious means for bringing home to the Christian people the example of the Holy Family and stemming, in some measure, the evils of modern society. These motives led Pope Benedict XV to insert the Feast into the Universal Calendar in 1921. Originally celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany, the Feast of the Holy Family was moved to the Sunday after Christmas in 1969, bringing it within the Christmas season.

Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts, presented by Matthew and Luke, of His birth, circumcision, and Presentation, the family’s sojourn in Egypt, their return to Nazareth, and the *“Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple”* (commemorated as the Fifth Mystery of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary). The details of this episode are recorded in Luke 2:41–52, telling us that Jesus, at the age of twelve, accompanied Mary, Joseph, and a large group of their relatives and friends to Jerusalem on pilgrimage, “according to the custom”—that is, for Passover. On the day of their return, Jesus “lingered” in the Temple, but Mary and Joseph thought that He was among their group. Mary and Joseph headed back home and, after a day of travel, realized Jesus was missing, so they returned to Jerusalem, finding Jesus three days later teaching the elders in the Temple. They were amazed at His learning, especially given His young age. When admonished by Mary, Jesus replied, *“Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”*

In her liturgy the Church hurries over this period of Christ’s life with equal brevity. The general breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII and Benedict XV, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families.

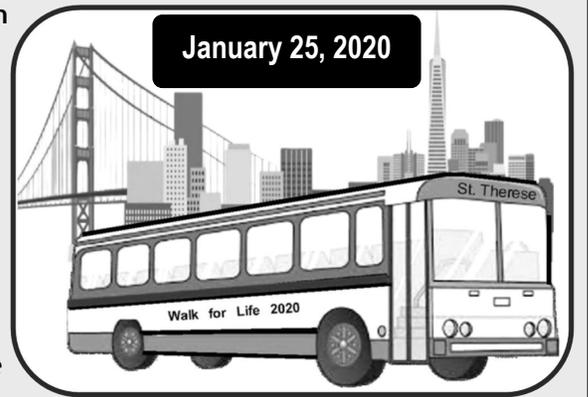
Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family. Mary, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys. Joseph, foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety. Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

BUS TO WEST COAST "WALK FOR LIFE"

Vox Vitae invites YOU to join them for the Walk for Life in San Francisco on January 25th!—less than a month from now! The Walk and its counterpart, the March for Life in Washington, DC, commemorate the anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that stripped legal protection from unborn children on January 22, 1973. Since then, more than 60 million babies have been aborted in the United States. The Walk for Life is not a party. Rather, over 60,000 people gather together to remember the dead and resolve anew to work to end abortion. We remember also the wounded mothers, fathers, and other family members of the babies.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN to go to the 2020 Walk for Life (we'll have TWO buses!). Join us! You can register at VoxVitae.org at the Events page. Our tentative schedule on **Saturday, January 25, is:**



Please be a VOICE FOR LIFE! Register today!

Midnight - Check-in at St. Therese Church; **1:00 a.m.**—Depart; **7:00 a.m.**—Arrive in San Francisco; **7:30 a.m.**—Continental breakfast; **9:30 a.m.**—Mass at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption; **11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**—Info Faire (Lunch can be purchased; bring your own lunch money!); **12:30-1:30 p.m.**—Speakers and rally; **1:30 p.m.**—Walk for Life; **4:30 p.m.**—Bus pick-up at Pier 1; **5:00 p.m.**—Protest at UCSF, the nation's abortion training headquarters and where they harvest organs from late-term babies; **5:30 p.m.**—Bus pick-up at UCSF; **6:00 p.m.**—FREE BBQ dinner at Our Lady Star of the Sea; **7:30 p.m.**—Bus pick-up at Our Lady Star of the Sea; **1:30 a.m.**—Arrive back at St. Therese Church on January 26.

The anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade* is an especially important time to demand legal protection for unborn babies.

BLOOD DRIVE IN JANUARY

The Alhambra Knights of Columbus Council 2431 and St. Therese Church will host a Blood Drive on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**, in the Parish Hall (benefitting the patients of City of Hope). Schedule your life-saving donation today! Either call our appointment line at 218-7171 or go online to www.idonateblood4hope.org (use Code: STAL). Although appointments are recommended, walk-ins are welcome. Please bring a valid photo ID or a passport to register. Donors must be in good health, with no cold or flu symptoms on the day of the Blood Drive. Each participant will receive one In-N-Out gift card after donating blood.



Each Saturday morning, volunteer Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring Our Lord to the Catholic residents of Brookdale Assisted Living facility in Alhambra. We are in need of additional volunteers to serve the Sick at this location. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Coordinator, Larry Regalado, at 788-6085.



Did you know...

a single blood donation can save up to 3 lives?

For any questions, please call the number listed above.

God bless you for caring!

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

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

May God reward you! Below you will find the total collections for the last few weekends.

NOTE: The second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month is for our School (next is January 11 / 12).



Due to the holidays, this bulletin was printed before the weekend of December 21/22; therefore, those collection totals were not available at the time of publication.

November 23 / 24..... \$11,110.00
Nov. 30 / Dec. 1..... \$14,591.00
December 7 / 8.....\$33,519.00
December 14 / 15.....\$11,812.00

Check Users:
Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



STRE (Kindergarten through 8th Grade, including Eucharist Preparation): The next classes will be in session on **Sunday, January 5th. Have a Happy New Year!**

CONFIRMATION (High School): Classes for First Year (C1) are **Sunday, January 5, at 9:00 a.m., and Tuesday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m.** Classes for Second Year (C2) are **Sunday, January 26, at 9:00 a.m., and Tuesday, January 28, at 7:00 p.m.**

RCIA: For those wishing to become Catholic or to complete your Sacraments, join us! Classes are held in the Parish Meeting Room on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming dates are January 9, 16, 23, and 30.

ST. VITUS DANCE ACADEMY

Attention: Students in Grades 5 through 12! Want to learn to dance? This class is perfect for beginners and experienced dancers alike! Ballroom styles will be covered, with a primary focus on East Coast Swing. In addition, students will be introduced to folk styles, such as Square, Contra, and English Country dancing. Through interactive lessons, students will learn how to connect rhythms from the music to their steps. At the completion of the classes, students will have learned a wide variety of dance steps, preparing them to confidently approach the dance floor on any occasion. As this class is cumulative, weekly attendance is recommended for the best class experience.



Classes will be held in the Parish Hall from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., on the following Fridays: **January 10, 17, 24, and 31.** Cost is \$5 per lesson (*paid monthly*). That's four lessons for \$20! Questions? Contact Jessica Standage at jcpianjo@yahoo.com or Michelle Sandberg at (323) 346-5012 (call or text).

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JANUARY

Here are some saints whose feast days are celebrated in the month of January. Find out how much you already knew about them or be introduced to them for the first time. They are:

- St. Timothy St. Nina St. Basil the Great St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Ongoing Events/Meetings

BIBLE STUDY: Classes meet at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesdays** in the Parish Meeting Room **between September and June**. For more info, contact Debbie Robles at debrobles@me.com or at 679-6370.

CATHOLIC KARATE is for boys, girls, and men from 7 to 60. Learn self-defense, increased self-control, and confidence. For more info, contact John at SenseiJohnWrot@gmail.com.

CONSECRATION TO MARY: Follow-up group for those already consecrated to Jesus through His mother, the Mother of God. Meet at 6:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. For more info, call Angela at (310) 701-8386.

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: Standing fully by the teachings of the Church, we are a group of faithful Catholic parents who support one another and our loved ones with same sex attraction, through discussion, prayer, fellowship and sacrifice. Meet monthly in the LA Archdiocese with our chaplain in a safe confidential setting. For more info, contact your local chapter (EnCourage for **parents**: EnCourage.LosAngeles@gmail.com; OR **Courage LA for persons struggling with same sex attraction**: CourageCA.LosAngeles@gmail.com.)

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: Held every First Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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 January 8 and 22.**

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: For Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen their faith through serving the Church & community. Call the Alhambra Grand Knight, Frank Bodeman, at (888) 869-3124.

LEGION OF MARY: The object of the Legion is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation. Meetings are Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m., in the Parish Offices (Lisieux Room).

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: For info on Church teaching about openness to life, contact Jack & Katrina Crow at 292 -1906 or katrina.fcp@gmail.com for **English OR** Martha Lacayo for **Spanish** at 372-0808 or Martha.fcp@gmail.com. Introductory sessions to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System/NaproTechnology are normally on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact one of them to register for the classes.

RISE MEN'S MINISTRY: All men who have made the challenge at www.MenRiseUp.org are encouraged to join us on **Saturday mornings for the Rosary at 6:45 a.m., followed by a video and discussion from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m.** in the Parish Meeting Room. For questions, contact Greg Keller at greglks@yahoo.com.

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.

St. Thomas Becket (1118-1170), Feast: December 29



To anyone who imagines conflict between religion and politics to be a modern phenomenon, history witnesses otherwise. Martyred under Henry VIII in 1535, Thomas More declared, *"I die the king's good servant, but God's first!"* Thomas Becket could have said the same four centuries earlier. As Henry II's closest friend and trusted chancellor, Becket, the king presumed, could be counted on, if made archbishop, to deliver the church to royal control. But Becket experienced a profound conversion, confirmed by the ordination liturgy's rich symbolism of the bishop as Good Shepherd and the church as Bride of Christ. Renouncing secular responsibilities, distributing his wealth to the poor, Thomas became the church's uncompromising champion. Faced with this "new" Becket, the king's previous friendship turned into a ferocious, almost irrational hatred. As eight centuries later, Archbishop Romero would be martyred at the altar of Christ's sacrifice, Becket was slain before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral by royal agents, neither the first nor last good shepherd to lay down his life as the price of freedom for Christ's Church and justice for Christ's sheep.

Mass Intentions

Floral Dedications

**For the Week of
December 28, 2019, through January 4, 2020**

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Christmas Novena 3

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Christmas Novena 4

7:30 a.m.: Goh & Cheah Families, INT

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Deputy Joseph Solano, RIP

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Maryann Esperanza, INT

5:00 p.m.: Linda Kay Hesse, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Leo Lacangan, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Ediberto Cardona, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 5

Tuesday (New Year's Eve):

6:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 6

*7:30 a.m.: Christmas Flower Memorial

8:00 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

Midnight: Darey, Penny, Tristan & Zarah Huo, INT

Wednesday—Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day):

6:00 a.m.: Christmas Novena 7

*7:30 a.m.: Ivan Estrada, INT

8:00 a.m.: Trong Van Le, RIP

10:00 a.m.: Darey, Penny, Tristan, & Zarah Huo, INT

7:30 p.m.: Anita Lim & Family, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Judy Gutierrez, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Christmas Novena 8

8:00 a.m.: Nelida Constenla, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Megan Shields, Birthday Intention

*7:30 a.m.: Angelle Francisce & Karina Therese Laigo, INT

8:00 a.m.: Antonio "Joker" Faustino, RIP

7:30 p.m.: Christmas Novena 9

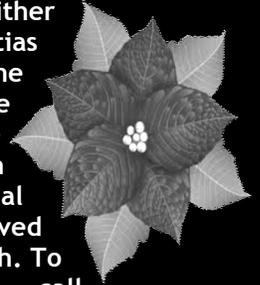
Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Ryan Anthony & Raymond Siy, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Mary Frances Magaña, Birthday Intention

For the Advent and Christmas seasons, we will have either greenery (Advent) or poinsettias (Christmas season) on the altar. Call today to schedule your dedication (for a time after the Christmas season) in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of loved ones! Bouquets are \$50+ each. To arrange for a dedication, call Giovanna at 281-9049.



Outside the Parish

HELP FOR MARRIAGES: 82% of marriages that complete the nine-month *Retrouvaille* (REH-tro-v-eye) program are still together five years later? For questions or registration, call 909-900-5465 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Confidential!

You are invited to join Fr. Joe Joseph's Pilgrimage to SWITZERLAND, GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS BELGIUM, including the OBERAMMERGAU-PASSION PLAY from SEPT. 2-14. Contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@gmail.com or 323-547-6618 / 323-344-1548.

ARE YOU HOMEBOUND? You can view the Mass on TV on Channel 56 (KDOC) every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. For a free copy of the Mass prayer book, call 1-800-430-0930.

Personal Ads

FREE REFRIGERATOR! Whirlpool side-by-side in working condition. Call 483-9116 if interested. Must pick-up Mon-Fri between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

ROOM FOR RENT in Rosemead apartment to clean, quiet person. Shared bathroom, kitchen privileges. \$630/mo., incl. utilities. Prefer woman but must be non-smoker/non-drug user. Call Rosa at 756-2072.

SEEKING TO RENT a private room with a non-sharing bath. Clean, quiet, non-smoking/non-drinking lady always pays on time. Can afford up to \$700/ mo., plus security. Call Valerie at 353-7648.

Lectors

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Rebeca Willis / Larry Dumont

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Flora Santoso / Blanca Ruvalcaba

9:00 a.m. John Kienker

11:00 a.m. Andy Zepeda / Pat Cervantes

5:00 p.m. Charlie Gopez