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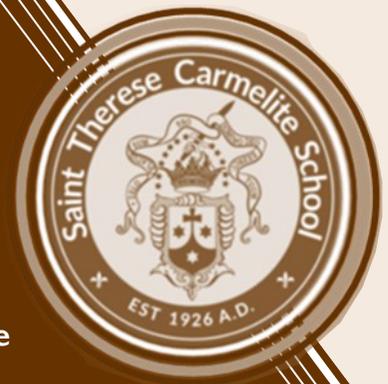
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Confirmation for  
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and Liturgical  
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Call  
the  
main  
Office.

## MASSES AND SERVICES

**Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday Mornings: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.,**  
**Traditional Latin High Mass: 1:00 p.m.**  
**and Sunday Evening at 5:00 p.m.;**

**Monday-Saturday—9:00 a.m.: Outside for the  
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**Confessions in the Parking Lot on Saturdays from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.**



# CONFIRMATION TO TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 26

## ATTENTION: Confirmation AND RCIA Students

DEADLINE  
TO  
REGISTER  
IS  
WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER  
23RD!

**Bishop Robert Barron will be coming to St. Therese on Saturday, September 26, to celebrate the 5:00 p.m. Mass and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation!**



The Sacrament will be conferred upon the students from both Year One and Year Two (those who were scheduled to receive in May 2020 **AND** those students originally slated to receive in May of 2021). This Sacrament will also be conferred onto the Confirmation students from St. Monica's Academy and onto the Confirmation students who are home schooled.



In order to receive the Sacrament on September 26, you **MUST** e-mail the Parish Secretary at [denisekay@hotmail.com](mailto:denisekay@hotmail.com) in order to register your name and get the necessary form. Bishop Barron says you **MUST** have chosen your Confirmation name so that it can be provided on the form. We **MUST** hear from you in order for you to receive the Sacrament.



Limited Space at 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday the 26th!

# ATTENTION:

## Those Who Attend the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass!



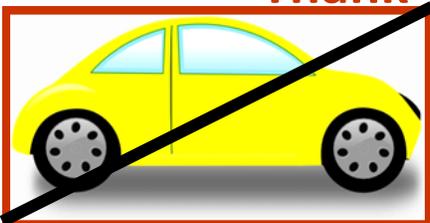
If you regularly attend our **5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday evenings**, please be aware that there will be a Confirmation Mass that evening (as detailed on the previous page). There are already 80 students registered to receive the Sacrament that day, and each student will have a sponsor and their parents with them.

Because of this large number of people, we will need to set up chairs using the entire parking lot (in order to allow for social distancing). **That means that everyone who attends will have to park on the street.**

Unless you are scheduled to be confirmed or you are a sponsor or a student's parent, please **DO NOT ATTEND THE 5:00 P.M. MASS ON SATURDAY THE 26TH!**

There are FOUR Masses in English on Sunday (7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.), as well as a Traditional Latin Mass at 1:00 p.m. Please make arrangements to attend one of those Masses.

**Thank you for your consideration!**



God bless you,  
Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD  
Pastor



Save the Date

# FALL into CHRIST

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## Holy Hour | Confessions Fatima Movie

Say goodbye to Fr. Philip & Fr. Matthias  
Say hello to our new Pastor Fr. Thomas

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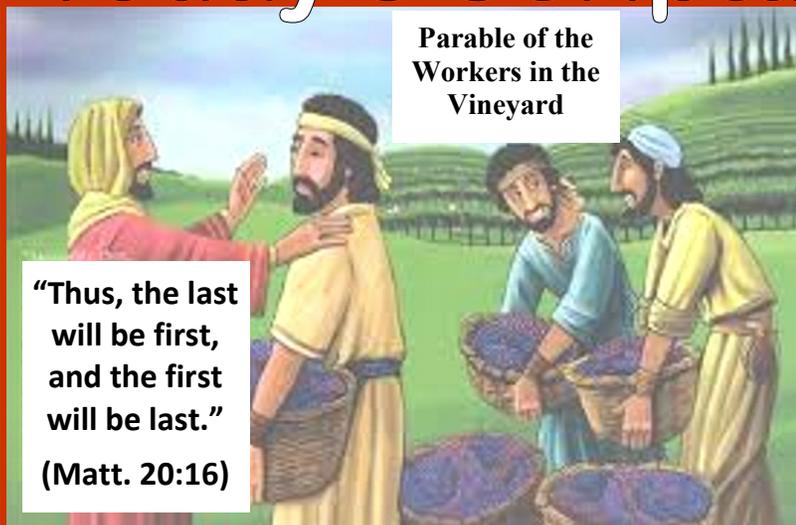
**TO RSVP:**

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# Today's Scripture Readings



**Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard**

**“Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”  
(Matt. 20:16)**

Children are usually still quite young the first time they have occasion to shout, “That’s not fair!” At some point in our lives, we’ve probably all felt the bitterness of unfairness. Today’s readings agree that life isn’t always fair—yet, unexpectedly, invite us to rejoice! We rejoice because God’s mercy is totally unfair: God lavishes us with forgiveness and love even when we deserve less. Both the reading from Isaiah (55:6-9) and the Psalm (145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18) praise the great mercy of God, mercy that forgives our sins over and over. In the Gospel parable (Matthew 20:1-16), Jesus demonstrates that God longs to give good things to all of us, even to those who seem less worthy. When St. Paul reflects on God’s goodness

(Philippians 1:20-24, 27), embodied in Jesus Christ, he can hardly wait to enter his heavenly reward.

Jesus’ parable depicts workers who “punch the clock” at various times throughout the long day: dawn, nine, noon, three, and five o’clock. Regardless of when they began working in the vineyard, the laborers all receive the same reward. The reward seems lavish to the latecomers, of course, and shockingly unfair to the long-faithful workers. The landowner soothes his most dutiful laborers, however, delighting in them as friends and transforming their bitter confrontation into a reflection on generosity. The laborers who arrived at five o’clock might have been late to the job, but those who began at the crack of dawn were last to understand the extravagant bounty of the landowner. Seen in this way, the parable discusses not only God’s generosity toward “unworthy” believers, but also the Lord’s inexhaustible patience toward those who thought they had nothing more to learn.

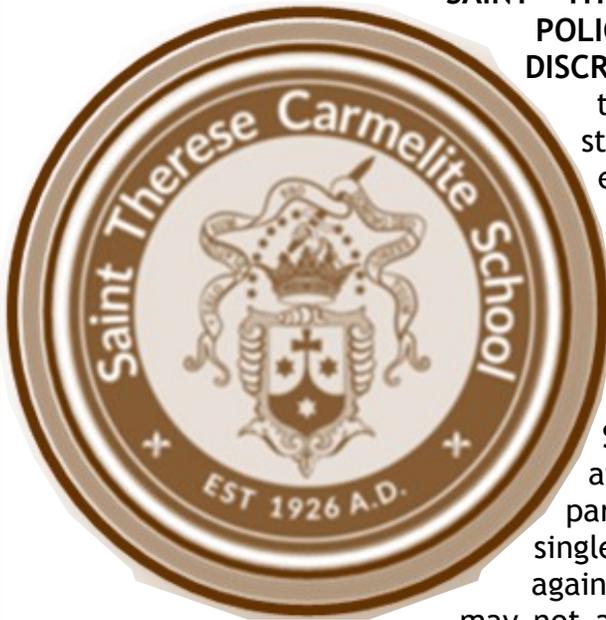
Today’s readings provide sweet refreshment to all of us who know the bitterness of discouragement. No matter how stubbornly we determine to improve ourselves, the human condition often leaves us in puddles of failure and regret. Jesus has a new plan for us. Today’s Gospel parable demonstrates the mercy of God, mercy that rejoices in fresh beginnings. We take comfort in knowing that God accompanies us in our labors—and works for us—whether we struggle with caring for our bodies, striving for patience, avoiding gossip, making time for prayer, being generous, overcoming addiction, remaining in recovery, or simply attending to our daily work. Jesus shows us that He actively engages with us each time we fall short. From dawn to dusk, the Lord seeks us out, calling us to join Him in the vineyard. Now, today, right this moment, is our dawn. Or our nine o’clock. Or noon? Ignore the clock! Jesus invites us to forget past failures; Divine Mercy wipes them away. Today’s psalm insists that the “Lord is near to all who call upon Him.” In hope, then, we begin again.



## **A TIME & PLACE TO SAY “GOODBYE” TO FR. PHILIP & FR. MATTHIAS**

You are invited to a special “Going-Away” celebration for Fr. Philip and Fr. Matthias (Fr. Donald has already gone up north). It will be held on **Sunday, October 4, beginning at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.** Depending on what conditions are at that time, the Mass and the reception will both be held outside or—hopefully—in the Church and Hall. More information will be available as we get closer to that time. However, in the meantime, be sure you put the date in your calendars so you won’t miss this perfect opportunity to say “farewell” or “until we meet again”.

# Our School's Non-Discrimination Policy



## SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL'S NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY 2020-2021 and SCHOOL STUDENT NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY:

The School, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, national origin, and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the School. The School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other School-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation, and some Archdiocesan schools operate as single-sex schools. While the School does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the School are based upon the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities, as well as the resources available to the School in meeting the student's needs. Saint Therese Carmelite School publishes the above policy in the staff and parent/student handbooks, and in any public relations/recruitment brochures. The School also publishes applicable grievance procedures in the staff and parent/student handbooks.

# 40 Days for Life: Let's End Abortion!

From September 23 through November 1, you're invited to join other Christians for "40 Days for Life"—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.



To take part, you will simply stand in the public right-of-way outside Pasadena Planned Parenthood and peacefully pray anytime during the 40-day vigil. You are also asked to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information—and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help—please contact the coordinator at [pg Grimm@righttolifeleague.org](mailto:pg Grimm@righttolifeleague.org) or visit [www.40DaysForLife.com](http://www.40DaysForLife.com).

# FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

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(2 Corinthians 9:7)

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August 29 / 30, 2020

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August 22 / 23....	\$12,389.00

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# Mass Intentions

# Saint of the Week

**For the Week of**  
September 19 through September 26, 2020

**Saturday:**

5:00 p.m.: Beatriz de Castro, RIP

**Sunday**

\*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Kim Marie, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Hazel Deresma, INT

9:00 a.m.: Sophie Eloise E. Pulido, INT

11:00 a.m.: Parishioners

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Ursulina Aquino, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Sr. Alejandro Sandoval, RIP

**Monday:**

\*7:30 a.m.: George & Yolanda Rossy, 35th Anniv INT

9:00 a.m.: 1) Miguel & Basilia Cailan, RIP

2) Mary Kay McMaster, RIP

**Tuesday:**

\*7:30 a.m.: Bobby Abeleda, INT

9:00 a.m.: 1) Flora Santoso, INT

2) Gerardo Adan, RIP

**Wednesday**

\*7:30 a.m.: Victoria Limon, B-day INT

9:00 a.m.: 1) Stephen Vasari, RIP

2) Virgil Motta, B-day INT

**Thursday:**

\*7:30 a.m.: Bobby Abeleda, INT

9:00 a.m.: 1) Roberto Martinez, INT

2) Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD, INT

**Friday:**

\*7:30 a.m.: George Rossy, B-day, INT

9:00 a.m.: 1) Noel Edusma, INT

2) Miriam Motta, B-Day INT

**Saturday:**

\*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

9:00 a.m.: 1) Andrew Kanamu, INT

2) Guadalupe Rodriguez, RIP

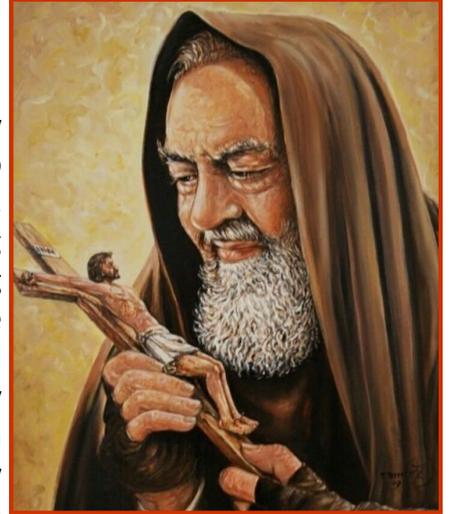
\*Held at the \*Carmelite Chapel,  
215 East Alhambra Road (CLOSED FOR NOW)

**9:00 a.m. Daily Mass**  
(Monday–Saturday) is held  
outside for the public;  
it is live streamed on  
Facebook for those not  
attending. The Sunday  
11:00 a.m. Mass  
is also live streamed  
on Facebook.

## ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA (1887-1968)

**Feast Day: September 23**

Did a World War II American flyer really see Padre Pio in midair, preventing the bombing of his village below? Did Pio actually “bilocate” in Italy, the Holy Land, even



America, as countless witnesses testified? Or did he “read the hearts” of those who came to him for Confession before they even spoke? What of the stigmata, Christ’s wounds imprinted on Padre Pio’s hands, feet, and side?

St. John Paul II, who as a young man visited Pio, never mentioned these extraordinary elements at Pio’s canonization. Instead, the pope spoke of “trials accepted with love,” referring perhaps to sanctions restricting Pio’s faculties for hearing confessions and celebrating public Mass, imposed because of criticisms, later discredited, that were sent to the Vatican; of Pio’s offering of his sufferings in union with Jesus’ Passion for a suffering world; of his continual availability to sinners seeking direction and absolution; of Padre Pio’s prayer that blossomed in charity, especially through his House for the Relief of Suffering, a healthcare facility that anticipated by decades today’s holistic partnering of medical science and spirituality.

Finally, how comforting for us ordinary Christians, this extraordinary saint’s most frequent advice: “Pray, hope, and don’t worry!”



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 and then . . . .  
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