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"Holiness consists simply
in doing God's will, and
being just what God
wants us to be."

-St. Therese

MASSES AND SERVICES

OUTDOOR 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
Public (live streamed on Facebook)

Confessions in the Parking Lot on Saturdays from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.



JESUS SAID,
 “YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD, YOUR GOD,
 WITH ALL YOUR HEART . . .
 YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.
 THE WHOLE LAW AND THE PROPHETS
 DEPEND ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS.”

MATTHEW 22:37, 39

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THE GREAT COMMANDMENTS

Love your neighbor. It sounds so simple. Yet it is not always easy to accomplish. Many things get in the way of taking this commandment to heart. Sometimes, it is things that get in the way, but more often, we get in the way. We tend to see things through our own perspective, rather than considering the other person's point of view. In our interactions with others, we often fail to truly listen, focusing instead on our next response or point to be made. We say we love our neighbor, right up to the point at which doing so requires some sacrifice of time, attention, or financial support, and then suddenly, a thousand reasons for keeping to ourselves emerge. Jesus knew this when he summed up the great commandments of loving God and neighbor. Notice what he said about this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

LOVE GOD

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:37). In this greatest and first commandment, Jesus describes deep and intentional love of God. Like the Thessalonians to whom Saint Paul wrote, we are to turn away from anything that could become an idol, anything that takes first place in our lives ahead of God. Loving God so completely calls us to place our lives in the heart of God, assured that when we do, all will be well. When we love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, we gradually learn to see the world and all people through the eyes of God, who is love.

LOVE NEIGHBOR

When God gave the covenant to Moses, the commandments of loving God and neighbor were clear, including what love of neighbor is all about. For example, “You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourself in the land of Egypt” (Exodus 22:20). In other words, care for the least among you; their struggles are not so different from your own. And remember, they are precious in God's sight, as are you. All are held in love by our good and gracious God. Jesus is the ultimate sign of God's love, and the perfect model of what it means to love God. Jesus teaches that real love requires sacrifice. There are moments when loving our neighbor requires us to put the other person first. No longer is it just nice to help the person who is poor, ill, lonely, in prison, homeless, or grieving. It is necessary. Their need is greater than our own. Failing to meet the person in his or her need is to ignore our very self. To love God is to love our neighbor; to love others is to love God, in whose image all are made

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 22:20–26
 Psalm 18:2–4, 47, 51
 1 Thessalonians 1:5c–10
 Matthew 22:34–40

THIRTIETH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 25, 2020

JOG-A-THON RESULTS

Dear St. Therese Community,

We want to thank you for your support for the last week's Jog-a-Thon. Thank you for coming out to cheer all of the Friars as they walked, jogged, ran, and rode on a skateboard or roller blades on a hot 97-degree day. Thank you to Fr. Matthias who ran in San Jose for our School.

Thanks to your generosity and the generosity of a matching donor, **we have made over \$20,000!** It is still not too late to pledge! We are grateful for your sacrificial giving especially in these difficult times. Thank you, runners and friars, for your talents. Let's continue to run the race so as to win!

God bless you, -Alma Cornejo
Principal of Saint Therese Carmelite School



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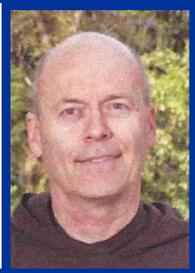


Praying with St. Teresa and St. John of the Cross: A Weekly Virtual Prayer Group on Zoom



Our new Pastor, Fr. Thomas Koller, formerly a professor at Mount Angel Seminary, invites everyone to join him VIRTUALLY every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM. Just go to this link:

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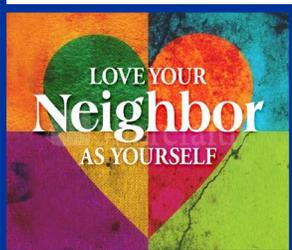
The "Diamond Rule"

By Tom Schmidt
of J.S. Paluch

When I hear the line from the first reading about not molesting or oppressing an alien, I think of the movie E.T., in which the children help the extraterrestrial just because he needs help. What the reading calls aliens are immigrants or newcomers. They lived among the Hebrews but were not Jews themselves. The Lord reminds the people that they were once aliens themselves. They should not make the same mistake the Egyptians did when they mistreated the Israelites. God uses the same logic in commanding them to take care of widows and orphans. Treat them like family, or else your own wives and children will be in the same situation. Immigrants, widows, orphans, borrowers--all must be treated with compassion.

The reason for such compassion should be deeper than just fear of punishment. "Do to others as you would have them do to you," Jesus said (Luke 6:31). Today's Gospel has a similar saying: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39). Jesus called this "the second commandment." The first is to love God wholly and completely—heart, mind, and soul. **If the second commandment is the Golden Rule, the first might be called the Diamond Rule.** If you think about it, in order to keep the first commandment, you have to be keeping the second as well.

Jesus said that whatever you do for the poor, the homeless, the sick, or prisoners, you do for Him (Matthew 25:31-46). Mother Teresa could see Jesus in the poorest of the poor. Jesus Himself showed compassion even to sinners. We can't really say we love God if we don't love the people God created. So that gives us two reasons to love our neighbor. First, because God lives in other people, so loving God means loving God wherever God is found. Second, God loves them, so if we are to be holy, we must be like God.



What does that mean? Remember the saying that "charity begins at home"? That is only true because it is easier to love family and friends, but charity doesn't end there. If we truly love God, we will extend our charity to those outside our homes. People are probably still rebuilding after the earthquakes in Japan, tornadoes in America, fires on the West Coast, floods in India, and other disasters—and every city has some kind of homeless shelters. **You say you love God? Let's see you love your neighbor.**

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

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

October 10 / 11, 2020

Unrestricted.....	\$20,052.00
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OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH!

A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION AS WE PREPARE TO ELECT OUR LEADERS

(Priests for Life calls upon believers to say this prayer each day.)

O God, we acknowledge you today as Lord, not only of individuals, but of nations and governments. We thank you for the privilege of being able to organize ourselves politically and of knowing that political loyalty does not have to mean disloyalty to you. We thank you for your law, which our Founding Fathers acknowledged and recognized as higher than any human law. We thank you for the opportunity that this election year puts before us, to exercise our solemn duty not only to vote but to also influence countless others to vote, and to vote correctly.

Lord, we pray that your people may be awakened. Let them realize that while politics is not their salvation, their response to you requires that they be politically active. Awaken your people to know that they are not called to be a sect fleeing the world but rather a community of faith renewing the world. Awaken them that the same hands lifted up to you in prayer are the hands that pull the lever in the voting booth; that the same eyes that read your Word are the eyes that read the names on the ballot, and that they do not cease to be Christians when they enter the voting booth.

SAVE THE USA

VOTE

Right to Life
of Southern Indiana

PRO-LIFE!

Awaken your people to a commitment to justice to the sanctity of marriage and the family, to the dignity of each individual human life, and to the truth that human rights begin when human lives begin, and not one moment later. Lord, we rejoice today that we are citizens of your Kingdom. May that make us all the more committed to being faithful citizens on earth. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

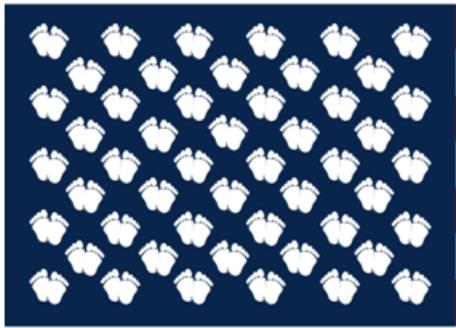
(Rev. Frank Pavone, Priests for Life)



40 Days for Life started September 23 and will **continue through November 1!** That means there is ONE MORE WEEK left from now for you to join other Christians by simply standing in the public right-of-way outside the Pasadena Planned Parenthood and peacefully praying—anytime during any of those days.

For more information—and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help—please contact the coordinator at pgrimm@righttolifeleague.org or visit www.40DaysForLife.com.

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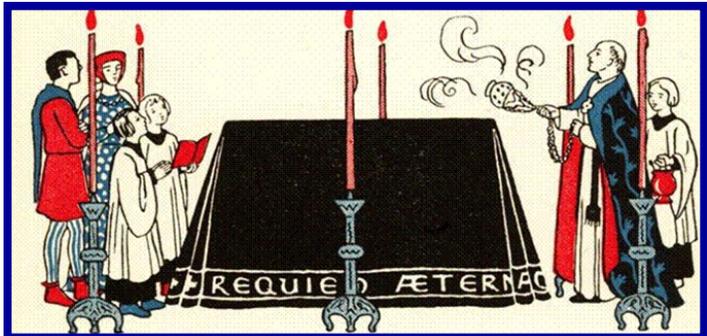
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REQUIEM MASS ON ALL SOULS DAY



On Monday, November 2, we will commemorate the souls of our loved ones at a special REQUIEM MASS, which will include the Faure Requiem, sung by the St. Therese Choir. In memory of their deceased loved ones, everyone can fill out cards to keep them in prayer for the month of November and light a candle—beginning at 7:00 p.m., before Mass starts at 7:30 p.m. All our parishioners and/or their loved ones whose funerals have taken place here since

Note:
All Saints' Day, November 1, falls on a Sunday this year. The All Saints liturgy will be observed rather than the liturgy for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

All Souls' Day 2019 will be remembered by name in a sung litany.

All are welcome to attend!

TAMALES FOR SALE!

If you would like to purchase tamales (either cold OR hot and ready to eat), please place your order by calling Maria Alejandra at 993-4236.

All proceeds benefit Saint Therese Carmelite School!



Mass Intentions

Saints of the Week

For the Week of
October 24 through October 31, 2020

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Robert Kirin, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Michael Uhlmann, RIP
7:30 a.m.: Robert Martin Hopkins, RIP
9:00 a.m.: Jose Contreras, RIP
11:00 a.m.: Joyce Turney, RIP
1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Basilio Aquino, RIP
5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

*7:30 a.m.: Hilario Casado, RIP
9:00 a.m.: 1) Martinez Family, INT
2) Joyce Turney, RIP

Tuesday:

*7:30 a.m.: Hilario Casado, RIP
9:00 a.m.: 1) Ernesto G. Bayuga, RIP
2) Armando S. Cano, INT

Wednesday

*7:30 a.m.: Marie Chavez, RIP
9:00 a.m.: 1) Martinez Family, INT
2) Marie Chavez, RIP

Thursday:

*7:30 a.m.: Hilario Casado, RIP
9:00 a.m.: 1) Dominick Sciarfa, RIP
2) Abigail Cano, INT

Friday:

*7:30 a.m.: Mary Meis, RIP
9:00 a.m.: 1) Marie Chavez, RIP
2) Ernesto G. Bayuga, RIP

Saturday:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
9:00 a.m.: 1) Flora Santoso, INT
2) Nida Vales Nazarene, RIP

*Held at the *Carmelite Chapel,
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9:00 a.m. Daily Mass
(Monday–Saturday) is held
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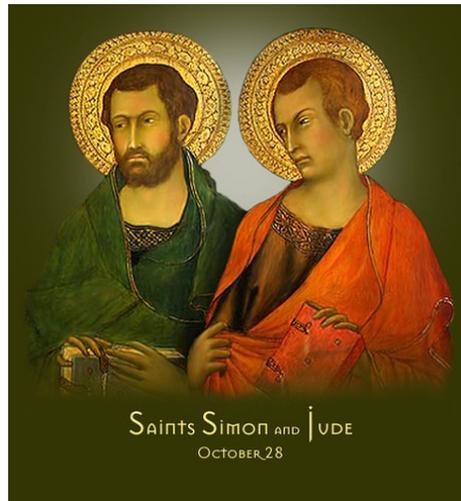
The Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass
is also live streamed
on Facebook.

SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

Saint Jude,
apostle
and . . .

Hollywood
success
story?

Indeed!
Beyond
Simon's
being a
"Zealot" for
Israel's
liberation
and Jude's



question about Jesus revealing Himself (John 14:22), no historic facts are known about either saint. But St. Jude's well-known patronage of lost causes and hopeless cases is largely due to a desperate vow made just before World War II by a struggling entertainer, the son of Arab-American immigrants, Danny Thomas. Unemployed, his wife about to give birth, Danny, attending Mass, impulsively donated his last seven dollars to the collection, promising: "St. Jude, if you help me find my way in life, I will build a shrine in your honor!"

Older Americans remember well Danny's long, successful movie and television career. Grateful parents worldwide know the miracles that have taken place for fifty years at his St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, where needy children are cared for regardless of race, religion, or financial resources, and monumental advances continue in healing and preventing pediatric cancers and catastrophic childhood diseases.



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