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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—6:00 and 9:00 a.m.: Outside

for the Public—the 9:00 a.m. Mass is live

streamed on our Facebook page

AND on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnvT2tTus0wnxlypGOeuf0g>

Confessions in the Parking Lot on Saturdays:

Under the red umbrellas from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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or on the Church's website > Our School > Videos



SACRAMENTS:

Baptisms: Register online

**Weddings: Register online
at least six months in advance**

Anointing: Call the office.



“The Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the Bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise.”

-Matt. 25:1-2

NEW PARISHIONERS: WELCOME TO ST. THERESE! PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.STTHERESECHURCHALHAMBRA.ORG

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE RE HOLY COMMUNION

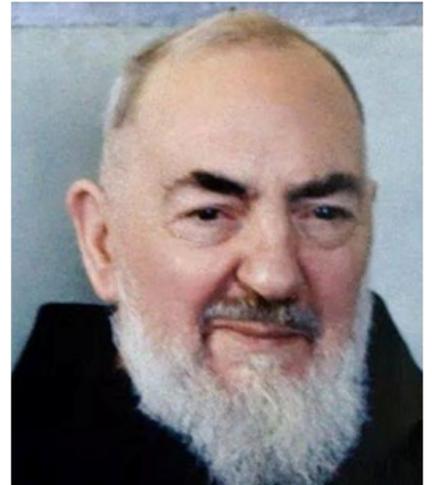


Dear Parishioners:

Bishop O'Connell, our Auxiliary Bishop, in union with our Archbishop Gomez, is asking us to put on hold—temporarily—our right to receive Holy Communion on the tongue and to focus on our responsibilities toward others by receiving Our Lord only in the hand. He pointed out that Covid infection rates are on the rise again, that winter is coming, and that some parishes have already had to shut down completely, which is the last thing any of us wants to see happen again.

Also, some parishioners here, or their loved ones, have had serious health struggles from this virus. Since our Bishop is not asking us to do anything sinful, we know that, by going against our preference and obeying him, we will actually draw closer to Jesus and become holier.

We want to keep in mind the example of saints like **Padre Pio**, who was shut down and forbidden from offering public Mass and hearing confessions for a long time, but who obeyed that extremely difficult command from his superiors. Or like St. Teresa, who told Our Lord that if He asked something of her and her confessor told her the opposite, she would obey her confessor and Jesus would have to figure out how to enlighten the priest to see it differently.



Here are some helpful Scriptures: “Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, obedience is better than sacrifice; to listen, better than the fat of rams” (1 Samuel 15:22); “I have come down from Heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of Him who sent Me” (John 6:38); and “Remind them to be...obedient, to be ready for any honest work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all men” (Titus 3:1-2).

And so, let us all work together and give our obedience to the Bishop and the Archdiocese cheerfully. Let us keep praying, with the help of Our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph and St. Michael and St. Therese, that the Lord will heal us of this pandemic and its underlying causes, so that we may worship the Trinity in freedom and peace once again soon!

Fraternally in Jesus, Mary, Joseph, and Therese,

Fr. Thomas of the Trinity, OCD
Pastor

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

PSALM 63:2

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THIRTY
SECOND
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

CONSEQUENCES

Actions have consequences. As children, we were often told that if we would do something, then we would receive a present or a reward. If we didn't, it might result in a punishment. Geometry also uses the "If-Then Statement." That is what our scriptures are like this Sunday. In each reading, there is a suggested action on our part, which will result in a desired outcome. There is a feminine personification of God as Wisdom, Psalm 63 and the intimate thirsting for God, the letter to the Thessalonians on believing in Christ, and Matthew's parable of the wise and foolish virgins. In the world of instant everything, we are not good about being patient, and our follow-through can be terrible. But each reading in its own way promises us that if we diligently seek God, we will be blessed and rewarded, and that it is worth the work and the wait!

KEEP YOUR LAMPS

In the old spiritual, "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" we hear the imperative to wait and be ready, and while there are many variations, it usually ends "The world is nearly done." "The time is drawing near." or "The day is dawning nigh." The liturgical year is near its end, and we begin to feel that tension of "already but not yet" as the readings become more eschatological (about the end-times) in nature. We are called to wait patiently. Yet, like the wise and foolish virgins, we run the risk of falling asleep, and or running out of oil. Waiting for God, preparing for God, requires much hope, much preparation and discipline, and at times it is counter-intuitive. We must put aside impatience or the desire for immediate gratification and keep the end in sight. In running terms, it is not a sprint, but a marathon.

TRIMMED AND BURNING

So how do we do this? Whether we are sitting in the pew or one of those involved more intimately in liturgical ministry, this is a call for spiritual self-maintenance. None of our scriptures today is passive. Seeking and waiting for God requires work. Presence and participation in the liturgy are among the easiest and most natural ways to provide fuel for our spiritual lamps. But like a car, we need to do more than just put in gasoline. There are other needs to attend to for upkeep. Just read the opportunities in this bulletin! Perhaps you may want to attend a parish scripture class or find a spiritual book to read. Sign up online to receive the daily readings or some sort of daily reflection. Find a spiritual podcast to listen to on your commute home from work or turn off the news and music and drive in morning silence. Share simple, regular prayer times as a family such as at meals and bedtime. Experience the sacrament of Reconciliation. Or maybe you do too much, and the call is to let go of something. Do not become burned out or lose heart. Take courage and remember, "The day is drawing nigh!" Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS

Wisdom 6:12-16
Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]
Matthew 25:1-13

CHANGES TO MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULES

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE:

Beginning **Monday, November 9**, we will be **ADDING a 6:00 a.m. Mass** to our Monday through Saturday schedule. This will be on an experimental basis for a week or two; depending upon how it goes, we may add it to the regular schedule.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE CHANGE:

Confessions are heard on Saturday afternoons under the red umbrellas. Normally, they have been heard from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.; however, **beginning Saturday, November 14**, the confessions will be heard from **3:00 to 6:00 p.m.** If you are attending the 5:00 p.m. vigil Mass, please do not go to confession after 5:00 p.m.; it is more important you give your full attention to the Mass.



FOR SALE: Vox Vitae T-Shirts

The Vox Vitae **ProLife** Flag T-shirts (shown below) are available for sale for \$15 each. We have sold out TWICE, but we have a third order ready to sell. We also have **THE DOGMA WITHIN ME** T-shirts—on sale for \$20 each. Both designs are available in sizes Small, Medium, Large, and Extra-Large. **Call (213) 395-8977 to place your order.**

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 previous four weekends.

NOTE: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month for our School.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



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 October 17 / 18 \$13,169.00

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

ROLLER HOCKEY IN THE PARKING LOT!



Our new pastor, Fr. Thomas, would like to know who would be interested in **reviving** (from the early 90's) the grand tradition of **playing roller hockey in the parking lot**. If you are interested in playing, please call the office and **leave your name and phone number**.



PRE-ORDER TAMALES!



If you would like to **pre-order** tamales for **pick-up on Thanksgiving Day**, please call Maria Alejandra at 993-4236. All proceeds benefit Saint Therese Carmelite School!

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We are seeking donations of non-perishable food items to be distributed to those in need for their Thanksgiving dinner. We are also hoping to get donations of turkeys. We will collect these items after all the Masses on **Sunday, November 22. Please bring both the non-perishable food and the turkeys directly to the Hall on that day only!** We will then distribute them on Monday evening, November 23. God bless you for thinking of others, especially during what may be a very difficult time for them.



MAKE SURE THE BRIDEGROOM KNOWS YOU!



If you ever thought that Jesus didn't have a great sense of humor, today's Gospel should belie any such notion. Jesus' story of the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids is downright hilarious. The circumstances of the story were surely familiar to Jesus' listeners, just as they are—if we think about it—to us. Weddings rarely ever start on time. There always seems to be a delay. Buttons pop off at the last minute. Flowers wilt. Cars full of wedding guests get caught in traffic. Soloists contract laryngitis. Brides or grooms or priests show up late! So the only reasonable way to approach a wedding is

with a sense of humor, to realize that something probably will go awry and, when that happens, to smile about it. Jesus tells this story to encourage us to be watchful, yes; to be ready, yes. But He doesn't tell it to make us dour and somber. The heavy-hearted tremble, waver, lose sight of their place and purpose, and fall asleep. The lighthearted know that the unexpected will happen—is bound to happen—so they are awake in their place and ready in their purpose when it comes.

At the end of the story, when the foolish virgins return from the quick shop with the oil, they are locked out of the wedding. **The Bridegroom answers their pleas**, not with a question, "Why weren't you ready?," but **with the statement, "I don't know you"** (Matthew 25:12). Now that sounds kind of odd, if the bridegroom represents the Lord, because God knows everything and everybody. In Matthew's Gospel, this phrase seems to imply that "because you made no effort to know me, I don't know you." In other words, the oil in the parable stands for knowing the Lord or—at least—making an effort to know Him.

So what are YOU doing to get to know Jesus? One way to know someone is to act like them. Actors who portray a real person try to watch videos of that person to see how they talk, walk, relate to people, what kind of posture they have, how they dress, etc. We can act like Jesus by following His example of care for the poor and the sick, forgiving people who have done wrong, teaching people about God's love, feeding the hungry, and giving God the credit for what we do. Another way to get to know someone is to talk to them. The more we pray, the more we get close to Jesus. We can praise God for Creation, we can thank Him for all He gives (and forgives!). We can ask for help for those we love and for God's strength in our weakness (2 Cor. 12:9). But we won't get to know someone if we do all the talking. Our prayer can include time to be quiet and listen to the Lord. We also listen to God by reading God's words in the Bible. And God can speak to some people in art, song, or poetry. The advice and wisdom of friends and relatives can also be God speaking to us. Hopefully, we can all find ways of getting to know the Lord, so that God can "recognize" us as friends.

Mass Intentions

Saint of the Week

**For the Week of
November 7 through November 14, 2020**

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Luis T. Ong, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: All Souls Novena 6

7:30 a.m.: Joanne Vu, Birthday INT

9:00 a.m.: Disc. Carmelite Friars, INT

11:00 a.m.: George Brosky, RIP

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Celso Aquino, INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: All Souls Novena 7

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

9:00 a.m.: Kim Thoa Chu, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Evelyn Lopez, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: All Souls Novena 8

9:00 a.m.: Thompson Family, INT

Wednesday

6:00 a.m.: All Souls Novena 9

*7:30 a.m.: Dan Hummel, INT

9:00 a.m.: Hilario Casado, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

9:00 a.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

9:00 a.m.: Grace Lowenberg, INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Dan Hummel, B-Day INT

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

9:00 a.m.: Msgr Jim Gehl, INT

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel,
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**9:00 a.m. Daily
Mass (Monday—
Saturday) is held
outside for the
public and is
live streamed on
Facebook for those
not attending.**

ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI (1850-1917)

Feast Day: November 13

Burly
longshoremen
glared at the
woman in
widow's dress
who
interrupted
their drinking to
beg money, in
broken English,
for her
orphanage. The
bar exploded in



laughter as one man responded by spitting
in her face. "That was for me," the woman
smiled. "Do you have anything for the
children?" Given today's national debate,
could it be as much God's sense of humor as
God's will for our sanctification that our first
American saint should be an immigrant and
naturalized citizen?

Frances Cabrini, adopting the name Xavier,
confided to Pope Leo XIII her longing to
follow her Jesuit patron to Asia. But the
Pope replied, "Not East—West!" So she and
her Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart
exchanged exotic dreams of China for the
impoverished reality of Italian ghettos
across the United States and Central and
South America.

Before her death, Frances had founded
seventy educational, health care, child, and
family service institutions. Today, from
Siberia to Ethiopia, in sixteen countries,
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embody her practical spirituality: **"Let's get
to work! We'll have eternity to rest!"**



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