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MASSES AND SERVICES

ALL OUTDOOR SERVICES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
And Traditional Latin High Mass at 1:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday—6:00 and 9:00 a.m.—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 under the red umbrellas on Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. and on Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

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See our VIDEOS on the School's Facebook page 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.



As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way.

A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths."

Mark 1:2-3

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Therese! Please register online: www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

We have a mail drop in front of the office at 510 North El Molino Street. It is located on the right side of the door.

A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Blessed Advent, one and all! How are your preparations for the Coming of the Lord going as we enter this Second Week of Advent? Hopefully, amidst the pandemic struggles, your family and financial difficulties, and the challenges of shopping for loved ones, you and I are able to find some time for quiet prayer, listening for that reassuring, refreshing, encouraging Voice of the Lord Jesus speaking in the silent depths of our hearts. For some, that encounter happens at daily and/or Sunday Mass (or at our special weekly Candlelight Mass and Adoration on Thursdays starting at 7:00 p.m.) and, especially, after Holy Communion. One person shared how difficult the silence after Communion was at first, but that how—after some patient endurance and guidance (G-U-I-DANCE = God U I Dance)—that time has now become a regular source of peace and joy that overflows into the rest of the day. For others, perhaps it is praying a decade of the Rosary with the family after dinner, without any hurry, savoring the Scripture verses and the images surrounding that particular mystery, listening, waiting for the live Presence of the Holy Family to make Themselves felt. For still others, it might be working through the daily meditations and prayers to prepare for our parish-wide **Total Consecration to Jesus through St. Joseph** (see the newsletter link). Fomeone else, it might be slowly working through a book of Scripture like Isaiah (“the Fifth Gospel,” as it is sometimes called), or the Gospel of Mark, or going deeper into the Mass Readings of each day.

Whatever way you might be praying, my hope is that Mary’s special presence this week in the Solemnity of her Immaculate Conception (Monday, December 8) and in her Feast as Our Lady of Guadalupe (Saturday, December 12) will

fill you with new Light, Life, Love, and Joy!!! And please consider coming to our outdoor school fundraiser dinner on the 12th in the Guadalupe Garden with the Carmelite Friars and, possibly, also with Bishop O’Connell, if he can make it after he celebrates our 5:00 p.m. Mass that day!

As Covid cases keep rising and more people in our Parish are being affected, our Bishop has once again asked us to be strict about following the diocesan protocols for reducing the risk to others and ourselves. With that end in mind, my brother Carmelite priests and I are asking everyone to wear masks at Mass, keep six feet apart—especially in the Communion line—and to receive only in the hand. Bishop O’Connell and I and the other Carmelite priests know this is a hardship for many people. But I am confident that, as awesome sons and daughters of the Holy Family and of the Carmelite family, we will dig deep and follow the protocols—out of charity and obedience, sacrificing to reduce the risk for others. Let me finish by offering some more guidance on prayer—from the Gospels and from St. Thérèse:

Prayer is meant to be holy leisure, too, not always hard work; prayer after Holy Communion is especially meant to be a time of holy leisure, to able to able to climb into Jesus’ lap and let Him fold His arms around us and hold us close. Here is a way of prayer to foster that kind of listening prayer. It is from the Bible and is called the Jesus Prayer: While breathing in, gently and silently say, “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God”; then, while breathing out, say, “have mercy on me, a sinner.” This prayer is a combination of the prayer of the blind Bartimaeus calling out to Jesus (Mark 10:47), the prayer of the tax collector in the temple (Luke 18:13), and St. Peter’s great statement of faith in Jesus (Matthew 16:16).

Conclusion of Pastor's Letter

Once you get the hang of this prayer, you can shorten it to “Jesus” while inhaling and “mercy” while exhaling. With the help of St. Therese, you can also focus on other meanings of the word mercy besides that of a sinner pleading before the judge: “Therese has left on record how much she would have liked to learn Hebrew, so as to understand the Gospels better. And this no doubt would have been a great joy to her, for few Hebrew words are etymologically more rewarding than those used to convey the concept of ‘mercy’. Four words are used to convey the reality: hanan: to lean over; hamalnoun: to suffer with, since one feels pity (like a judge looking at a repentant sinner); raham-rahamim: to be soft, like a mother’s breast; and naham: to relieve someone, to stop his groans by helping him to breathe. What a program! Therese saw this as God’s feelings with regard to man.” (The Little Way, by Bernard Bro, O.P., p. 60).

So, you see? It is a very simple kind of prayer, biblical, rich in meaning, adaptable to whatever psychological, emotional, physical, or spiritual situation you find yourself in; and it gives your mind a little bit of food to meditate on while being simple enough so that you can listen to the live Person, Jesus, and try to listen to what He is saying to you. As you get used to this prayer, you can use it anywhere and anytime, focusing on that meaning of mercy which best fits what is happening in your life at that moment. You will find that you can easily spend 20 minutes with Jesus in this way, especially when He has just come into your very own house/body after Holy Communion.

Wishing you a Blessed Season of
Watching and Waiting for His Coming,

Fr Thomas of the Trinity, OCD
Pastor

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020

MASS: We will begin this day with the celebration of a Mass in honor of Mary under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This Mass, our only morning Mass, will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. instead of the usual time of 9:00 a.m., and will be live streamed.

GUADALUPE DINNER: Then, from **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**, we will continue the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a sit-down dinner under the stars in the Guadalupe Courtyard (enter from the parking lot side through the door near the Adoration Chapel).

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE: To enjoy this catered outdoor dinner with the Friars, you MUST purchase your ticket (\$30 each for adults and children) **by this Monday, December 7**, by calling the School Office at 289-3364. Admission includes dinner, dessert, and a drink.

THURSDAY NIGHTS FOR YOUR SOUL!

CANDLELIGHT MASS, ADORATION, AND VIEWING OF AN EPISODE OF THE CHOSEN

Join your Parish Community every Thursday evening to refresh your soul! The schedule is as follows:

7:00 p.m.: Mass

7:30 p.m.: Adoration

8:00 p.m.: Viewing of Episode Three of *THE CHOSEN*

Episode 2: “Jesus Loves the Little Children” (December 10, 2020)

Synopsis. Jesus is living in a tent on the outskirts of Capernaum. He cooks his own food, plies his trade as a craftsman, and says His prayers. A young girl named Abigail discovers His tent and plays with some of the objects she finds, but she runs away when He returns. The next day she comes back with a boy, and they introduce themselves to Jesus. The two children return the next day with other children, and as time goes by, Jesus tells them stories and teaches them how to pray.



You can also watch *The Chosen* on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com).

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Meditation Mondays

FR. GODFREY CHANDYA OCD
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All proceeds benefit the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns in Alhambra.

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!



November 21 / 22, 2020		October 24 / 25	\$21,432.00
Unrestricted.....	\$16,936.00	October 31 / Nov. 1...	\$18,892.00
Restricted	\$ 2,659.00	November 7 / 8.....	\$29,349.00
T O T A L	\$19,595.00	November 14 / 15.....	\$11,536.00

Check Users:
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FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tuesday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Mother—her conception in the womb of her mother, St. Anne, without the stain of original sin.

Mass times will be as follows:

6:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.

Come join us in celebrating this special moment in the life of Mary, kept pure as she had been chosen before the world began to be the first “tabernacle” of her Divine Son.



SEEKING DONATIONS OF ANTI-COVID SUPPLIES

We still need more sanitizing wipes, paper towels, and masks (any brand). If you can help with donating some, it would be most appreciated! You can bring them to Mass with you and leave in the usual spot OR you can order on Amazon, etc., and have them sent here, c/o Anti-Covid Mass supplies. God bless you for your help!



Mass Intentions

For the Week of
December 5 through December 12, 2020

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Santiago Arrizon, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Regina, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Vilma Gargano, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Rory Putman, INT

11:00 am: John B. Odone & Jade C. Villafuerte, INT

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Antonio Holguin, INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Tommy O'Brien, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mary Rose Go & Patrick Rosal, INT

9:00 a.m.: Allen & Loan Jang, INT

Tuesday—Immaculate Conception:

6:00 a.m.: Marco & Lidia Roman, 25th Anniv., INT

*7:30 a.m.: Therese Hong Nguyen, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Vales & Cailan Families & Fr. Matthias INT

7:30 p.m.: Therese Hong Nguyen, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Tommy O'Brien, INT

*7:30 am: Mary Rose Go & Patrick Rosal, INT

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

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Natalé Moretti, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. John Hopkins, B-Day INT

9:00 a.m.: Hector Gomez, B-Day INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Bess Tuan, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Carm. Nuns' Christmas Novena 1

9:00 a.m.: Carmelite Community

Saturday:

*7:30 a.m.: Nuns' Christmas Novena 2

9:00 a.m.: 1) Marco & Lidia Roman, 25th Anniv INT

2) Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel,

215 East Alhambra Road

(CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC)

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

9:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday) and Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass are both live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube

Consecration to St. Joseph

Join other parishioners in preparing to make a CONSECRATION to St. Joseph! Come to the next three meeting dates: December 8, 15, and 22, at either of the two times available:



either 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. OR 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

You will need to order the book: **CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH**
The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father
By Fr. Donald H. Calloway, MIC

Purchase it as either a Kindle or a paperback book from Amazon:

https://www.amazon.com/Consecration-St-Joseph-Wonders-Spiritual/dp/1596144319/ref=sr_1_2?crid=140LHAHJUTHYO&dchild=1&keywords=consecration+to+st.+joseph+by+fr.+donald+calloway&qid=1606872800&srefix=consecration+to+st.+joseph%2Caps%2C217&sr=8-2

This book contains 33 days of preparation. We began with Day 1 on November 25, but you can catch up! **The CONSECRATION** will take place on the Feast of the Holy Family, December 27, 2020 (time to be decided).



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