

# Saint Therese Catholic Church

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## MASSES & CONFESSIONS

**Masses—Saturday:** 8:00 a.m. & Vigil at 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 Masses:** 6:00 and 8:00 a.m.

(the 8:00 a.m. daily and the Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Masses are LIVE STREAMED on our Facebook

page AND on our YouTube channel).

**Masses on Monday, \*Tuesday (in \*Spanish)**

**and Thursday EVENINGS:** 7:00 p.m.

(these are also LIVE STREAMED)

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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page  
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**Baptisms: Register online**

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at least six months in advance

**Anointing: Call the office.**



...While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.  
-Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

# FROM THE PASTOR



**Christ is risen!** Yes, He really was crucified and really is still risen from the dead...**FOREVER!!!**  
 (Please, Lord Jesus, keep anointing that phrase, so that it never gets old and thus causes us to start taking it and you and your Resurrection for granted and making us become blasé about you!)

First of all, blessed Sixth Sunday of Easter! And **CONGRATULATIONS** to those children of **Saint Therese Carmelite School** who made their **First Confession and First Holy Communion** last Saturday/Sunday! Also, I want to thank **each and every one of you for your continued support of Saint Therese Carmelite School** through **today's Second Collection!** We couldn't keep the School open and growing without your heroic generosity! I also want to thank **the Knights of Columbus** for their beautiful **Silver Rose ceremony at the 9:00 a.m. Mass today**, and for leading the Rosary afterwards! I pray that each and every one of you is experiencing some kind of fulfillment of what Jesus says in the Gospel today, **"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be complete."** And I pray that, especially today, all of you mothers and women who come to St. Therese Church and/or Saint Therese Carmelite School are receiving extra joy and encouragement from the Father and Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Since every woman is called to be a spiritual mother to every person she meets, I want to say to each and every woman: **Happy Mother's Day!!!** In the words of **St. John Paul II** in his **Letter to Women** (June 29, 1995):



The Church "desires to give thanks to the Most Holy Trinity for the 'mystery of woman' and for every woman—for all that constitutes the eternal measure of her feminine dignity, for the 'great works of God' which, throughout human history, have been accomplished in and through her. This word of thanks to the Lord for His mysterious plan regarding the vocation and mission of women in the world is at the same time a concrete and direct word of thanks to women, to every woman, for all that they represent in the life of humanity. Thank you, women who are mothers! You have sheltered human beings within yourselves in a unique experience of joy and travail. This experience makes you become God's own smile upon the newborn child, the one who guides your child's first steps, who helps him to grow, and who is the anchor as the child makes his way along the journey of life. Thank you, women who are wives! You irrevocably join your future to that of your husbands, in a relationship of mutual giving, at the service of love and life. Thank you, women who are daughters and women who are sisters! Into the heart of the family, and then of all society, you bring the richness of your sensitivity, your intuition, your generosity and fidelity. Thank you, women who work! You are present and active in every area of life—social, economic, cultural, artistic and political. In this way you make an indispensable contribution to the growth of a culture which unites reason and feeling, to a model of life ever-open to the sense of 'mystery,' to the establishment of economic and political structures ever more worthy of humanity. Thank you, consecrated women! Following the example of the greatest of women, the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word, you open yourselves with obedience and fidelity to the gift of God's love. You help the Church and all mankind to experience a 'spousal' relationship to God, one which magnificently expresses the fellowship which God wishes to establish with His creatures. Thank you, every woman, for the simple fact of being a woman! Through the insight which is so much a part of your womanhood, you enrich the world's understanding and help to make human relations more honest and authentic."

In this Year of St. Joseph the Increaser, as Fr. Donald Calloway calls him, in order to let the Lord Jesus *increase your joy*, I wholeheartedly encourage you to sign up (soon, because it might sell out!) for the **Encounter Conference at St. Philip the Apostle Church in Pasadena** at the end of June (see the next page and take home a flyer from one of the tables near the church doors). Let us know if you are finding it really difficult to cover the conference cost of \$99. Alos, treat yourself and your loved ones to these video clips from Encounter Ministries ([www.demonstratinggod.com](http://www.demonstratinggod.com)) and from the "Fearless" documentary ([youtube: encounterministries.us](http://youtube:encounterministries.us)). If you would like to try Adoration and Praise and Worship and to receive some prayer ministry in a setting other than what we offer here at St. Therese Church, **go to St. Philip's on Saturday, May 15, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

Finally, we are fast approaching the culmination of the whole liturgical year on **May 23: Pentecost!** To help us prepare for a renewed outpouring of the Promise of the Father and the Power of the Holy Spirit, pick up a **Novena to the Holy Spirit** from the tables by the doors (we will pray it from May 14 through 22), plus a **"Ten Commandments of the Holy Spirit" meditation.**

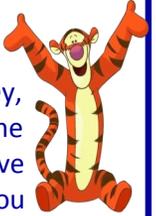
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Even though we are not quite ready to begin our regular program of *monthly Cor Jesu* evenings, we still want to encourage our youth and their parents in these difficult Covid times, SO... **Fr. Thomas wants to invite *everyone* to come to a special YOUTH EVENING of FAITH, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN this Friday, May 14, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.** We will begin at the picnic tables at 6:00 p.m., with PIZZA, followed by Fellowship and Fun (basketball, street hockey, etc.). At 7:30 a Kolbe Missionary will speak about honoring the Blessed Mother and from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m., we will have Adoration in the church (with confessions available). If you have any questions, contact us at [CorJesuSTCAhambra@gmail.com](mailto:CorJesuSTCAhambra@gmail.com).



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## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

**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!**



**May 1 / 2, 2021**  
Unrestricted..... \$14,650.00  
Restricted .....\$ 1,485.00  
**TOTAL .....\$16,135.00**

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April 17 / 18 ..... \$11,183.00  
April 24 / 25..... \$24,007.00

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# THE JOY-FILLED WAY OF LOVE



Many songs and books, plays and artistic masterpieces have been created to convey the truth that love is real. As Christians, we know that Love is of God. In laying down His life, Jesus pours out God's selfless, sacrificial, undying love. Jesus opens the door to a new relationship between God and humanity, that of friendship and intimate closeness. Jesus calls us to show this same love for others, knowing that in doing so, we fulfill God's will. As the account of Peter, Cornelius, and all in his household attests, this great love of God cannot be contained by our preconceived notions of the way things are in the world.

Part of the first reading from Acts (10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48) that we don't hear today is a vision Peter has in which God tells him that all foods are okay to eat; no longer are some unclean. He later realizes that the vision was a symbol that all people are "clean," Gentiles as well as Jews. All are called to have faith in Jesus. Not all of the early Christians understood. The Jewish Christians were shocked that the Holy Spirit would give gifts, such as speaking in tongues, to Gentiles—especially Gentiles who had not been baptized. We still need to follow St. Peter's example of sharing our faith in Jesus. Does that mean we should drag any non-believers we meet to church on Sunday or brag to them about how much we love God? How about introducing yourself to someone new to the parish that you see in church. Or offering to help the poor without waiting for them to beg. What about being courteous to other drivers, letting them go in front of you in heavy traffic. Make it a priority to see what you can do for others instead of what they can do for you. Perhaps part of your daily prayer can be asking God to show you who needs your (God's) love today.

The second reading from John (4:7-10) tells us that love is not people loving God; it's that God loved us first, enough to send His Son to die for us. We may think that we have chosen to love and follow Jesus, but as the Gospel tells us, Jesus chose us before we ever chose Him. So maybe that part about loving others as Jesus loves us is not so much about being willing to die for those you love. It may just be our willingness to love others without requiring that they love us first. Today's Gospel (John 15:9-17) gives us a hint at what we can do to bring others to Christ. Jesus makes it sound simple: Love one another as I love you (John 15:12). Remember that God's love for us comes first. That's why the Gentiles in the first reading received the gifts of the Spirit before they were baptized.

Love calls and causes us to do great things, more than we might believe we are capable of. While some are called to give their lives as martyrs, most of us find ourselves called to lay down our lives in smaller ways in the midst of everyday life. Parents lose sleep in the early months of their baby's life, and again as their teens mature and gain independence. Adult children change their plans in order to care for their aging parents. We hear the call of love as we become attentive and respond to the needs of the poor, lonely, sick, and vulnerable. Love causes us to turn our lives around, to strive to become more Christ-like in our words and actions. Peter followed this call of love when he entered the house of Cornelius, a Gentile. He was likely as astounded at the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as were the believers who accompanied him, yet love caused Peter to see beyond the accepted boundaries of religion and race, seeing instead evidence of the Lord's great love at work.

Following the Lord calls us to sacrifice for the sake of others, giving our attention, time, and resources in order to share Christ's care and compassion. Jesus shows us that giving of self, pouring ourselves out in love for another, is a joy-filled way of life. Joy is more than a feeling and is deeper than happiness. Joy comes with the assurance that Christ is with us when our lives mirror the life and way of our Master. Joy is a sense of fulfillment in knowing and sharing Christ's love. When we reach out in love, Christ's joy fills our hearts. Strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, we find the grace to follow Jesus' command to love one another.

# MAY IS MARY'S MONTH!

## But How Did This Tradition Begin?

By Marge Fenelon (Catholic author and journalist)

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a *day* in May, mind you, but the entire month. But just why is **May** Mary's month? There are many different factors that contributed to this association. First of all, in ancient Greece and Rome the month of May was dedicated to pagan goddesses connected to fertility and springtime (Artemis and Flora, respectively). This, combined with other European rituals commemorating the new season of spring, led many Western cultures to view May as a month of life and motherhood. This was long before "Mother's Day" was ever conceived, though the modern celebration is closely related to this innate desire to honor maternity during the spring months.

In the early Church there is evidence of a major feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated on the 15th of May each year, but it wasn't until the 18th century that May received a particular association with the Virgin Mary. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, the May devotion in its present form originated at Rome where Fr. Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus, to counteract infidelity and immorality among the students, **made a vow at the end of the eighteenth century to devote the month of May to Mary.** From Rome the practice spread to the other Jesuit colleges and thence to nearly every Catholic church of the Latin rite." Dedicating an entire month to Mary wasn't a new tradition, as there existed a prior tradition of devoting 30 days to Mary called *Tricesimum*, which was also known as "Lady Month," and was started by the Catholic Church to replace the pagan custom began in Greece and Rome.

Pope Pius VII, in order to stir all Christian people to a greater devotion to the Blessed Virgin, granted (on March 21, 1815) a partial indulgence to all the faithful of the Catholic world who either in public or in private should honor the Blessed Virgin with some special homage or devout prayers, or other virtuous practices. In 1945, this same Pope solidified May as a Marian month after establishing the feast of the Queenship of Mary on May 31st. After the Second Vatican Council, this feast was moved to August 22, while May 31st became the feast of the Visitation of Mary.

It's common for parishes and/or schools to crown the statue of Mary during May—a custom known as the May Crowning. But May altars and crownings aren't just "church" things. We can and should be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes—our domestic churches—we participate more fully in the life of the Church.

If you haven't already, **I encourage you to erect a prayer area in your home—either fancy or simple.** The main point is that it's a place designated for God, and more specifically, for spending time with Him. Just as you need proper atmosphere to sleep, you also need proper atmosphere to pray. **For May, give Mary a special spot in your prayer spot.** It can be a statue or picture, but place there some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and virtue. Then, crown the statue of Mary, simply or in an ornate ceremony of your own device. The meaning is far more important than the action. You can do it anytime during the month of May. Why? Not because it's a long-standing tradition in the Church, although it is. Not because there are any special graces connected to it, although there are. No, do it because Mary is Mother—your mother, my mother, everyone's mother—and because she cares for all of us day-in and day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters. For that, **she deserves an entire month in her honor.**



# Happy Mother's Day!

## BABY BOTTLES DISTRIBUTION / BABY SHOWER!

GPS-Guadalupe Pregnancy Services Volunteers will be outside the church distributing **Baby Bottles THIS WEEKEND (May 8 and 9)**. Please take a bottle and use it like a piggy bank to collect coins, cash, or checks. Your donations help support the life-affirming services of GPS: parenting, personal development, and spiritual enrichment programs for pregnant mothers and mothers with infants and toddlers. Every Bottle Counts! We will collect the filled bottles on the weekend of May 22 and 23.



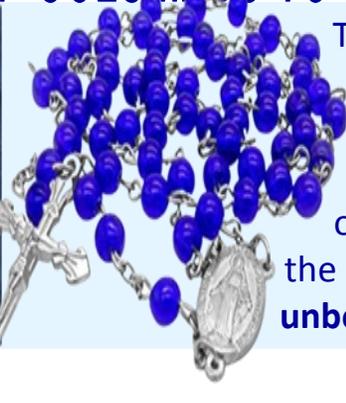
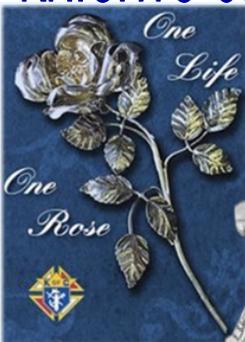
**ALSO, if you forgot to bring a Baby Shower gift to place in the crib—in front of the church—you may turn it into the office by this week.** Here are the things that are most needed:

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR BABIES:** Baby shampoo and wash, baby lotion, diaper rash cream, cornstarch-based baby powder, Q-Tips, sippy cups, spoons/forks, socks for boys/girls (12-18 months), clothing, wash cloths and towels, diapers, sizes 3, 4, 5, 6 and pull-ups, sizes 2T/3T, wipes, formula, baby food jars, toys, books

**ITEMS NEEDED FOR MOMS:** Shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, lotion, facial moisturizer, bar soap, feminine hygiene products, dish soap, detergent, cleaning products

**FOOD ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE MOMS' PANTRIES:** Cereal/oatmeal, canned fruits and vegetables, rice/beans, snacks/cookies

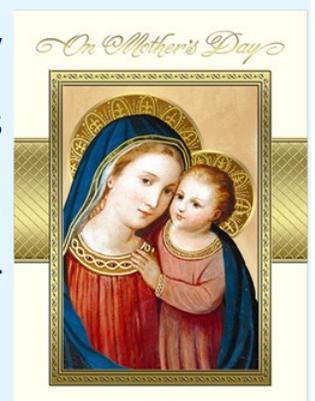
## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO HOST SILVER ROSE / PRAY THE ROSARY



The Alhambra Council of the **Knights of Columbus** are hosting the **Silver Rose** at the **9:00 a.m. Mass today, May 9**. The Silver Rose is a symbol of the devotion the Knights of Columbus have for Our Lady of Guadalupe (their patroness) and her patronage for the unborn. **A recitation of the Holy Rosary for the unborn will follow the Mass.**

## ENROLLMENT IN OUR MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

If you wish to enroll someone (or yourself) in our Mother's Day Novena of Masses (May 10-18), pick up a card from the tables near the doors and return the offering envelope by this Monday. The card is for you to send to the enrolled person to let her know you have enrolled her in the Novena of Masses.



# Mass Intentions

May 8 through May 15, 2021

Saturday:

5:00 pm: Mary Louise Atencio/Esperanza Estrada RIP

Sunday

- \*7:30 a.m.: Parishioners of St. Therese
- 7:30 am: Florence Goh, INT
- 9:00 a.m.: Magdalena Gomez, RIP
- 11:00 a.m.: Evangeline Holman, RIP
- 1:00 p.m.: Pi-Wu Chuang, RIP
- 5:00 p.m.: Martita Lopez, INT

Monday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 1
- \*7:30 a.m.: Magdalena Gomez, RIP
- 8:00 a.m.: Alicia Maria Guadalupe, INT
- 7:00 p.m.: Roland De La Rosa, RIP

Tuesday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 2
- \*7:30 a.m.: Mary Esther Victor, RIP
- 8:00 a.m.: Maria Magdalena Yang, INT

Wednesday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT
- \*7:30 am: Mother's Day Novena 3
- 8:00 a.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

Thursday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT
- \*7:30 am: Mother's Day Novena 4
- 8:00 a.m.: Hermine Tittmann, RIP
- 7:00 p.m.: Raymond Toohey, INT

Friday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 5
- \*7:30 am: Mary Esther Victor, RIP
- 8:00 a.m.: Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD, INT

Saturday:

- \*7:30 am: Carmelite Community
- 8:00 a.m.: Rose Sciaraffa, RIP

\*Held at the Carmelite Chapel,  
215 East Alhambra Road

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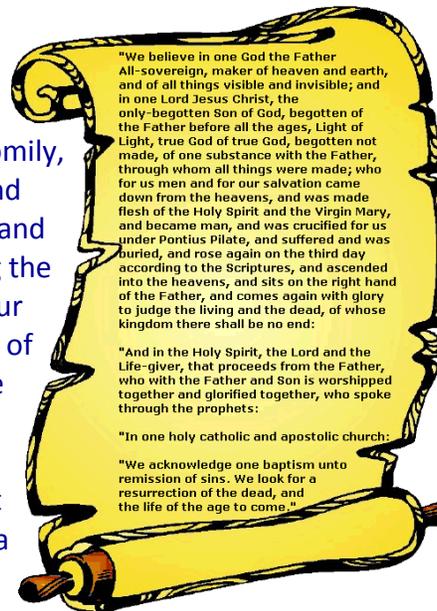
## LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday–Saturday),  
11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evening  
Masses (and any other special evening  
Masses) are all live streamed on  
Facebook AND YouTube (for those  
not attending)—links on our website's  
home page (top left column).

# Feast of Faith

## THE CREED

Following  
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readings  
and the homily,  
we stand  
together and  
say or sing the  
Creed, our  
profession of  
faith. The  
Creed is a  
solemn  
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"We believe in one God the Father All-sovereign, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all the ages, Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten not made, of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from the heavens, and was made flesh of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man, and was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried, and rose again on the third day according to the Scriptures, and ascended into the heavens, and sits on the right hand of the Father, and comes again with glory to judge the living and the dead, of whose kingdom there shall be no end:

"And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and the Life-giver, that proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and Son is worshipped together and glorified together, who spoke through the prophets:

"In one holy catholic and apostolic church:

"We acknowledge one baptism unto remission of sins. We look for a resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come."

faith” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 67). It states the core of what we believe about God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The language of the Creed is knotty and difficult at times, precisely because its purpose is to express with precision what we believe about God.

The Creed that we pray most often, the Nicene Creed, came out of the earliest ecumenical councils: Nicea in 325 and Constantinople in 381. It originated in a time of great controversy about the divinity of Christ, and thus the longest section of the Creed relates to Christ, truly human and truly God.

The Creed is both communal and personal: it is “we,” but it is also “I.” In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, it is only after listening to the teaching of the Church and professing faith in the Holy Trinity that the candidate is admitted to the Sacraments. So it is every Sunday. We listen to the word, we profess our faith, and then we come to the altar.

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