

St. Therese Catholic Church

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Jesus said to them, "I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst (John 6:35).

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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.—and 7:30 a.m. at the Cloistered Chapel at 215 E Alhambra Rd

Evening Masses on Monday, *Tuesday (*in Spanish preceded by the Rosary in Spanish) & Thursday EVENINGS at 7:15 p.m.—preceded by showing of The Chosen, Season 2, at 7:00 pm; **Masses on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. (Note:** the 8:00 a.m. daily, the 11:00 a.m. Sunday, and the 7:00 p.m. evening Masses are LIVE STREAMED on Facebook & YouTube)

CONFessions (OUTSIDE)-Wednesdays from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. and Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS:

Baptisms: Register online

Weddings: Register online
at least six months in advance

Anointing of the Sick: Call the office.



FROM BRO. JASON PARROTT

Greetings, everyone!

Last week Fr. David took part in the annual Encourage Conference. Both he and Bro. Jason are assistants for local Encourage groups. So, instead of the usual letter from me, following is a letter from **BRO. JASON PARROTT** sharing about this important ministry in the life of the Church. —**Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD**



Dear Parishioners,

Fr. David just returned from the national Courage/EnCourage conference, so it seems a good time to explain our Parish's involvement in this international ministry. Many Catholics have heard of the work **Courage is doing to help support those Catholics who are trying to live authentic Catholic lives while also bearing the distinct crosses that come with having a same-sex attraction.** Many of us in the Parish have also heard of EnCourage, the cleverly-named companion ministry that offers support and **practical** guidance to Catholics whose loved ones have same-sex attractions.

The word “practical” is extremely important in order to understand this ministry and the needs it addresses. This is because when Catholics discuss things about the direction of current secular culture and how it affects the mission of the Church (a conversation we have in every era), we do so because we know that, ultimately, the surrounding culture affects individuals and families on both an intimate and a personal level. Trying to discern how to respond with love (the True Love that is God, rather than just the slogans thrown around in commercials and in sound-bites), can prove difficult in the midst of a confusing and sometimes contradictory world. EnCourage looks to what Jesus taught us through His Church and Apostles, for no one knows us better or loves us more than He does. This is why so many people have found solace in this ministry because, by experience, they know we can trust His Word on this and every matter that comes before us in this ever-changing world.

I ask everyone to please pray for all of us in this ministry, that Our Lord may continue to bring encouragement, comfort, and guidance to those who, through their prayers and sacrifices, share in the crosses of their loved ones. Would you please pray especially for our new Spanish-speaking meetings that are just about ready to start. **Also, if you or someone you know has a loved one who struggles with same-sex attraction, please call Martha at (626) 667-4673 or send an email to one of the following:** In English: encourage.losangeles@gmail.com; or in Spanish: EncourageLatino.LosAngeles@gmail.com.

God bless you,
Bro. Jason of the Holy Spirit, OCD

EnCourage
and
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EnCOURAGE: Standing fully by the teachings of the Church, we are a group of faithful Catholic parents who support one another and our loved ones with same sex attraction, through discussion, prayer, fellowship and sacrifice.

HEALING THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE FOLLOWING, CONTINUING FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEKS' INSTALLMENTS, IS FROM THE BOOK, *THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS HANDBOOK*, ABOUT THE WORKINGS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE EARLY CHURCH.

Prophecy and Visions: In the early centuries, prophets continued to play a vital role in the Church, as they had in the time of the apostles. The prophets included men and women, young and old, laypeople and ordained. St. Irenaeus speaks of the widespread use of prophecy in his time: "We hear many of the brethren in the Church possessing prophetic charisms and speaking all kinds of languages through the Spirit; and bringing the secrets of men to light for their good, and expounding the mysteries of God." He also mentions false prophets, but strongly warns Church leaders not to make the fact that there is false prophecy a pretext for rejecting the true gift of prophecy. St. Justin Martyr also mentions that both true and false prophets were active in the Church in his time.

In third-century North Africa, St. Cyprian reports that even young boys had supernatural visions and that Church leaders paid close attention, recognizing that the Lord was warning and instructing them through these visions. Synods of bishops even heeded such prophetic messages when choosing people for Church offices. For instance, a man named Celerinus was appointed to the clergy because of a prophetic revelation. Although Celerinus hesitated to accept the honor, he himself was then persuaded by a vision in the night. Tertullian describes a woman in his Church who was highly regarded because of her exceptional gifts: "We have now among us a sister who has been favored with various gifts of revelation, which she experiences in the Spirit by ecstatic vision during the sacred rites of the Lord's Day in the Church: she converses with angels, and sometimes even with the Lord; she sees and hears mysterious communications; some men's hearts she understands, and to them who are in need, she distributes remedies."

After the Sunday services, this woman would regularly convey her revelations to the clergy, who would then examine them with scrupulous care to discern whether they were in accord with truth. Christians who were facing imminent martyrdom seem to have received especially strong prophetic graces. One of the most remarkable documents from early Christianity is the account of the martyrdom of **St. Perpetua**. She was a young African noblewoman who became a believer and soon afterward was imprisoned along with four other converts, including a pregnant slave named **Felicity**. Perpetua's brother was distraught at the prospect of her death, and he begged her to ask the Lord for a vision showing whether she would die or escape. She confidently promised him, "Tomorrow I will tell you."

That night, she did receive a vision: She saw a golden ladder reaching up to Heaven, with swords, lances, hooks, and daggers along its sides. Under it a huge dragon was crouching, ready to attack whoever ascended. She saw a fellow convert named Saturus climb the ladder and then turn to her, saying, "Perpetua, I am waiting for you; but be careful not to let the dragon bite you." In her diary Perpetua further describes the dream: "I said, 'In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, he shall not hurt me.' And from under the ladder itself, as if in fear of me, the dragon slowly lifted up his head; and as I stepped on the first step, I stepped on his head. And I went up, and I saw an immense garden, and in the midst of the garden a white-haired man sitting in the clothing of a shepherd, of tall stature, milking sheep; and standing were many thousands of white-robed ones. And he raised his head and looked at me and said, 'You are welcome, daughter.' And he called me, and from the cheese he was milking he gave me a kind of little cake....and I ate it, and all who stood around said 'Amen'" (Pages 88 and 89).



STS. PERPETUA AND FELICITY

HEALING MISSION COMING IN TWO+ WEEKS!



HEALING MISSION

*...I will restore you to health
and heal your wounds."*

-Jer. 30:17

In just over two weeks, on August 16 and 17, we will have a very special "Healing Mission," conducted by John Cojanis, a Catholic Lay Missionary from the Diocese of Tucson, Arizona. John gave a Mission here at St. Therese in 1987 when Fr. Thomas was assigned here as a seminarian. Fr. Thomas witnessed the many healings that took place at that time and decided to locate John and ask him if he would conduct another Healing Mission.

If you attend both sessions, you will learn how to pray for the sick. Also, you will see many people actually healed by God, such

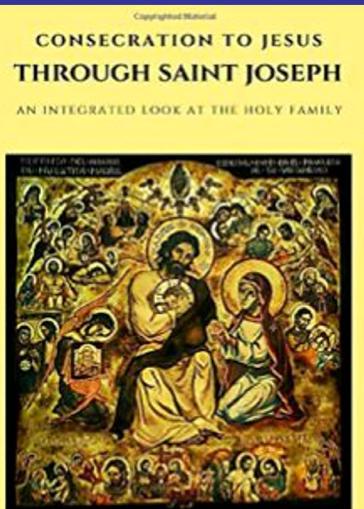
as those with bad backs, headaches, arthritis, and breathing problems; sometimes people even lose weight and many people are healed from all kinds of dreaded sicknesses and diseases. God has never failed to do all kinds of physical healings in every Catholic Church John has been to in his 40+ years of healing ministry. John says, "I give the talks that God wants me to give; then God is the One who does all the healings."

GOD CAN and WILL DO great things! Come and invite someone who is hurting or away from God. The Healing Mission will take place in the Church on **Monday, August 16, and Tuesday, August 17**. There will be a total of two separate talks, the first presented on Monday at both 9:00 a.m. in the morning and 7:00 p.m. in the evening; the second presented on Tuesday, also at both 9:00 a.m. in the morning and 7:00 p.m. in the evening. Just choose either morning or evening each of the two days, whichever time is more convenient for you.

BACK TO THE MASKS: With the current increase of COVID-19 cases in L.A. County, the Archdiocese has decided to follow the L.A. County Health Department. Everyone entering the church is **AGAIN REQUIRED to wear a mask** (effective as of last Saturday, July 16, 2021). For any additional questions, please contact the Archdiocesan COVID response team: Marina at Mamacchiagodena@la-archdiocese.org or Isaac at icuevas@la-archdiocese.org.



CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH ST. JOSEPH



DR. GREGORY BOTTARO
& JENNIFER SETTLE

FOR THOSE ALREADY CONSECRATED TO ST. JOSEPH!

If you have already made a Consecration to St. Joseph, we recommend the book, ***Consecration to Jesus through Saint Joseph: An Integrated Look at the Holy Family***. This book looks at the Holy Family through the lens of St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*. Dr. Gregory Bottaro and Jennifer Settle have prepared this **devotional journal exercise** to bring into focus the spiritual (virtues) as well as the psychological (characteristics) realities of being human, reflecting on the full humanity of St. Joseph, Our Lady, and Jesus. **This is a private, simple, and humble devotion, which began Friday, July 2, and continues until the Consecration on Sunday, August 15, the Feast of the Assumption.**

You can purchase this book for \$10 in the parish office OR you can buy it on Kindle or Amazon. **If you want to take part in the consecration on August 15, contact Maria Alejandra de Jesus at 993-4236.**

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, October 1, 2021

The Discalced Carmelite Friars of St. Therese invite everyone to attend Saint Therese School's annual event:

The Little Way Dinner and Benefit Auction

This year's recipients of the Lantry Award will be parishioners Dr. Bernhard and Mrs. Kay Tittmann.

The event will be held at Almansor Court in Alhambra on **Friday, October 1**, and will include cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a three-course dinner, both silent and live auctions, and dancing to the **live band music of Modern Cocktail Society**. To purchase a ticket or make a donation, go to <https://one.bidpal.net/stcsaution/welcome>.

You can also purchase a table of ten to treat your friends to our fundraising night and receive sponsor recognition in our program! OR purchase a sponsorship to cover the meal costs of a Carmelite friar, Carmelite sister, faculty, or staff member!



MASSES & DEVOTIONS

- **MONDAY MEDITATION NIGHTS:** Join us every MONDAY evening to strengthen your faith! The schedule is as follows: 7:00 p.m.: Mass; 7:30-8:00 p.m.: Adoration; 8:00-8:30 p.m.: Teaching/Meditation.
- **TUESDAY NIGHTS:** Mass Celebrated in SPANISH! Join us at 7:00 p.m.
- **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS:** St. Joseph Prayer Group meets at 3:00 p.m. in front of St. Joseph's statue.
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS:** Now celebrating every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., with confessions at 8:00 p.m.
- **THURSDAY NIGHTS:** Join us every THURSDAY evening in HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH! The schedule is: 6:30 p.m.: Viewing of an Episode of The Chosen; 7:00 p.m.: Mass; 7:30-8:30 p.m.: Adoration and *HEALING PRAYER (*in the main vestibule and on the sides of the church).
- **FIRST FRIDAY MASS:** Come and honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus by attending Mass at 7:00 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. The Mass is then followed by adoration AND *HEALING PRAYER (*in the main vestibule and on the sides of the church).
- **SATURDAY NIGHT HEALING PRAYER TRAINING:** Join us in the church on Saturday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- ***HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY:** Held during Adoration every Thursday evening and every First Friday evening.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you for giving from your heart! Below you will find the total collection for last weekend, as well as for the previous four weekends. Note: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH for our School.



July 24 / 25, 2021	
Unrestricted.....	\$14,016.00
Restricted	\$ 2,862.00
T O T A L	\$16,878.00

June 25 / 26.....	\$10,840.00
July 3 / 4.....	\$15,895.00
July 10 / 11.....	\$22,976.00
July 17 / 18.....	\$10,736.00

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

BECOME A LAY MINISTER! WE ARE SEEKING



...parishioners to serve as **SACRISTANS** (those who prepare the altar for the celebration of Mass) and as **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion!**

Now that the Covid restrictions have been lifted, Fr. Thomas is asking for people to come forward to become active in these two

ministries—more people are needed for both the weekday Masses and the Sunday Masses (sacristans are also needed to prepare for funeral Masses).

Training will be provided at a later date. If you are interested, please call the office at 282-2744 (ext. 0) and leave your **name**, your phone **number**, and which of the two **ministries** interests you, and someone will get back to you. **Think of this invitation as Jesus sending you forth, as He did the disciples in today's Gospel reading.**



\$50 Million Donation!

The Catholic Education Foundation of Los Angeles has received a \$50 million donation to provide scholarships to deserving new students of the schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Catholic school students are now back in the classroom—on the road toward graduation and becoming the future leaders of tomorrow! The Catholic Education Foundation has received a \$50 million gift to provide financial support to new elementary and high school students enrolling in an Archdiocesan school in Los Angeles, Ventura, and Santa Barbara counties. Catholic education is affordable and tuition assistance is available!

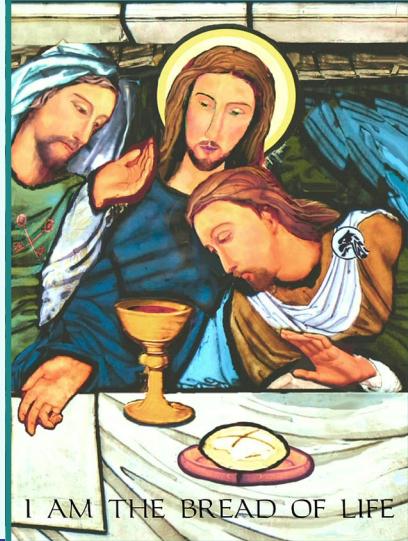
To find out about enrolling your child(ren) in Saint Therese Carmelite School—one of only two schools in the Archdiocese using a Classical Curriculum!—contact the office at 289-3364 or email principal@SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com.

"I Am the Bread of Life"

In today's First Reading from Exodus (16:2–4), the whole Israelite community is grumbling against Moses and Aaron; but they also complain to God that they were better off as slaves in Egypt. After all God did to bring them to freedom, now they want to go back to slavery! Before we judge them too harshly, we might ask ourselves if we ever act like that. For us, it might be looking back on our slavery to sin. We might confess the sin and say we'll never do that again, but we often can't resist the memory of our past sins. As we hold on to the past, the temptations come back and draw us to repeat our offenses. So how do we free ourselves from the past? Should we look to the future, instead? If we want to make the world, or just our community, a better place, we can make plans. Jesus doesn't say "Remember how good that manna was." Or "Don't worry; your children will get it right." No, He keeps us focused on the present moment, telling us to believe in Him now, His Father gives us true bread today; Jesus is that Bread of Life.

Today's Gospel is a sequel to last week's account of Jesus feeding the 5,000. The crowd asks Jesus three questions. First, "**When did you get here,**" to which Jesus responds by rebuking them for their failure to grasp his miracle as a "sign," an occasion to put faith in Him. Their second question about **how they can accomplish the "works of God"** has Jesus responding that faith is the "work" that God wishes. Many scholars believe this is John's answer to the faith-works dichotomy emerging in the early Christian community. The third question asked by the crowd is a **request for a "sign" that would allow them to put faith in Jesus**, as the manna allowed the Israelites to put faith in God. Jesus answers by revealing Himself as the "Bread of Life" that "comes down from Heaven and gives life to the world."

In John's Gospel (John 6:24–35), the word "sign" has a distinct meaning. For John, signs are not just wonders to behold; they are about the revelation of God and a response of faith in Jesus. When the crowd first arrives, Jesus notes that they had not appreciated the sign that He had already given; they are still focused on their physical hunger. When they ask for a sign, "that we may see and believe in you" (John 6:30), they refer to their ancestors who ate manna in the wilderness. Jesus reminds the crowd that it was not Moses who gave the "bread from heaven," but His Father. Further, the Father has given them the True Bread from Heaven that comes down and gives life to the world.



Mass Intentions

July 31 through August 7, 2021

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Joseph Can/Maria Hai Dang, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Aaron & Maria Estrada, INT

11:00 a.m.: Flora Santoso, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Robert J. Townsend, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Flora Santoso, RIP

Monday:

6 am Maria de los Angeles Sandoval, B-Day INT

*7:30 a.m.: Vikki Ng, INT

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Philip Sullivan, B-Day INT

7:00 p.m.: Anabelle Smith, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Joseph Can Kim Dang, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Victoria Sandoval, RIP

7 p.m. (Span): Guillermo & Janette Torres, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 am: Fr. David Guzman, OCD, B-Day INT

*7:30 am: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, 14th Anniv

8:00 am: Fr. David Guzman, OCD, B-Day

7:00 p.m.: Conrad Kohrs, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Joseph Can Kim Dang, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Henry Waxman, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory

7:00 p.m.: Carlos Mauriz, RIP

First Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory

*7:30 am: Sr. Mary, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Victoria Sandoval, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos OCD, INT

Saturday:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Courtney Bich Nguyen and
Rosita Reyes de Lacayo, INT

*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns'
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.

Masses on Mon., Tues., Wed., and Thurs.

evening (and any other special evening

Masses, including First Fridays) are all live
streamed on Facebook AND YouTube (for
those unable to attend due to illness, etc.).

Links to those two sites are on our
website's home page (in the top left
column).

Quiet Listening Prayer

FROM ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS:

We will delineate some signs and indications by which one can judge whether it is the opportune time for the spiritual person to discontinue meditation.

The first is the realization that one cannot make discursive meditation or receive satisfaction from it as before. Dryness is now the outcome of fixing the senses on subjects that formerly provided satisfaction. However, as long as one can make discursive meditation and draw out satisfaction, one must not abandon this method. Meditation must be discontinued only when the soul is placed in that peace and quietude to be spoken of in the third sign.

The second sign is an awareness of a disinclination to fix the imagination or sense faculties on other particular objects, exterior or interior. I am not affirming that the imagination will cease to come and go—even in deep recollection it usually wanders freely—but that the person does not want to fix it purposely on extraneous things.

The third and surest sign is that a person likes to remain alone in loving awareness of God, without particular considerations, in interior peace and quiet and repose, and without the acts and exercises (at least discursive, those in which one progresses from point to point) of the intellect, memory, and will. Such a one prefers to remain only in the general loving awareness and knowledge we mentioned, without any particular knowledge or understanding.

To leave safely the state of meditation and sense and enter that of contemplation and spirit, spiritual persons must observe within themselves at least these three signs together. -Ascent of Mount Carmel, Book II, Chapter 13, No. 2



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