

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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As Jesus was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me" (Mark 10:46-47).

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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 daily 8:00 a.m., the Sunday 11:00 a.m., and the weekday 7:00 p.m. Masses are **LIVE STREAMED** on Facebook AND

YouTube); **Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass**

**Masses on Monday, \*Tuesday (\*Spanish), Wednesday & Thursday EVENINGS at 7:00 p.m.**—(Tues. and Thurs. are preceded by a showing of The Chosen, Season 2, from 7:00 to 7:15 p.m.); **First Friday Mass: 7:00 p.m.**

**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.

**Carmelite Cloister: 7:30 a.m., Monday-Saturday**

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## SACRAMENTS

- Baptisms: Register online
- Weddings: Register online at least six months in advance
- Anointing of the Sick: Call the office

# FROM OUR PASTOR



Blessed "Week-Before-All-Hallow's-Eve," everyone! Huh? Well, everyone has favorite times of the year, right? And one of mine is the month of October, when the heat of Summer cools down, the leaves are starting to turn color and to look like flowers, the run-up to Halloween and going trick-or-treating with family and friends happens, and the great feasts of All Saints and All Souls take place...

I would like to thank Gabriel Anyanwu and the Cor Jesu team for last Friday's event. It's wonderful to see Fr. Matthias' work for the youth continuing! I would also like to thank Catherine Contreras and her Vox Vitae and pro-life teams for their on-going work in fighting the good fight for the life and protection of the unborn and their parents, and the healing of all those who have suffered through a crisis pregnancy. Let us all not only keep them in our ongoing prayer, but also keep asking Jesus how He wants to work with each of us in putting that prayer into action to help Him heal our culture of death. Please see the home page of our website for a link to the famous talk by Fr. Blair Raum (from Baltimore) on how to help pre-born babies and their parents when there is a crisis (located in the center column under RESPECT LIFE).

I would also like to draw your attention to the powerful pro-life (and also quite funny!) family film, *October Baby*, which we will be showing this coming Saturday evening, October 30, at 6:30 p.m., in the Hall. It is based on a true story and—without giving away the plot—one of the actresses is the real-life person whose story is being told. Be sure to stay until the end to catch the powerful interview with her!

The Gospel today is the end of the section in the Gospel of Mark on discipleship, and what it means to be a true disciple of Jesus. May we all be like the blind Bartimaeus, and admit our blindness, and not stop there but confidently cry out to Jesus for help. And He will help!

Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph, Fr. Thomas

"Do not let anger upset your spirit, for anger lodges in the bosom of a fool."

-Ecclesiastes 7:9

## Here is this week's look at healing from anger:

**Today, I choose to fast from the sin of anger.** If you've ever been really angry, you probably wondered to yourself after you settled down, "Who **was** that person?" Your anger left you physically, emotionally, and mentally exhausted. If you turned that anger outward, you probably damaged relationships. Anger is a devastating sin in our lives. Think of sinful anger as a wild animal. It has sharp claws and vicious teeth, and it wants to destroy everything around it while

destroying itself in the process. Oftentimes, we get angry when we feel out of control. We learn that we can control those around us with our anger. The sin of anger connects powerfully to the wound of rejection, although it can also connect to feelings of powerlessness and fear. Whether our anger is outward (rage, violence, abuse) or more subtle (passive-aggressive), it is damaging to ourselves and those around us. Let's have the courage today to

### Pray slowly...

Heavenly Father, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I renounce anger and repent all the ways I have sinned because of it. I reject every form of anger in my life. I ask you, Father, to forgive me, and I forgive myself for my angry heart and actions. Holy Spirit, make me aware of any angry thoughts, feelings, and actions. Amen.

look honestly at our anger and bring it to God.

**Take time to ask yourself ... What kinds of things make me angry? When I am angry, what am I feeling? Rejection? Powerlessness? Fear?**

"This deadly cancer of anger...makes us unlike ourselves, makes us like timber wolves or furies from Hell, drives us forth headlong upon the points of swords, makes us blindly run forth after other's destruction as we hasten toward our own ruin."  
-St. Thomas More

The above is taken from the book, *Lenten Healing*, by Ken Kniepmann—available for sale in the parish office.

# THE UNIVERSALITY OF THE GOSPEL

One might say the evangelism in power that spread due to the outpouring of the Spirit (Acts 4) was a major impetus to break the Church out beyond its “Jewishness.” At the beginning, the members of the Church were all Jews. The next group of people to believe in Christ were the Samaritans (descendants of the ten northern tribes of Israel), whom Philip reached in Acts 8. The next group were the Gentiles, whom Peter reached at Cornelius' house. In each case, the Holy Spirit was poured out in a dramatic and perceptible way. This was a most important sign that opened the minds of the early Christians to believe that Gentiles, too, were being saved by Christ on the basis of faith. In the case of Samaria, the Holy Spirit did not fall on the new believers until Peter and John arrived and laid hands on them, allowing the apostles themselves to witness this significant movement of the Spirit upon outsiders. God had now accepted the “hated, despised Samaritans,” as proven by a testimony of the Spirit so visible that even an outsider like Simon the sorcerer could see it, prompting him to try to buy this power from Peter (Acts 8:18-24). Later, Paul's mission among the Gentiles would be received more favorably because of the evangelistic breakthroughs that occurred with Philip in Samaria and Peter in Caesarea.



**When Peter came to the home of Cornelius, a Gentile centurion, he began to preach the Gospel and, before he had finished, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard it (Acts 10:44-46).** The fact that they received the Spirit while Peter was still delivering his sermon is significant. What was Peter saying the moment the Spirit fell? He had just said, "To Him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name" (Acts 10:43). The Holy Spirit fell upon Cornelius and his household when Peter proclaimed the universality of the Gospel—that it was for everyone, not just the Jews. The Jewish believers who had come with Peter "were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speak in tongues and extolling God" (verses 45-46).

Peter's reply shows his responsiveness to what God had done: "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" (verse 47). With this interpretation, the early Christians understood that Gentiles, too, had received God's acceptance and forgiveness, as confirmed by the witness of His Spirit. These Gentiles were seen as being made eligible for baptism, and the evidence for this was their praising God in tongues. This event made the apostles and the early leadership of the Church open to the Gentile mission. The leaders in Jerusalem listened as Peter explained the whole story of Cornelius and his household. Peter recounted, "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the Word of the Lord, how He said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave the same gift to them as He gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" (Acts 11:15-17). Upon hearing the story, "they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, 'Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life'" (verse 18). **The apostles giving witness to the outpouring of the Spirit on different groups of people solidified the unity of the Church.**

From the above, it is evident that Luke does not intend to develop a standard chronology for when believers are filled with the Spirit. Neither does he attempt to create a test for determining if one has been filled or baptized with the Holy Spirit. The evidence for being Spirit-filled, according to Luke, is the receiving of power—power to serve, to love, to heal; to deliver or work a miracle; power to suffer persecution; power to preach the Gospel; power to comprehend the Gospel. This is seen by the diversity of experiences that Luke records. **(Taken from The Spiritual Handbook, pages 74-76—available for sale in the Parish office)**

# SCHOOL CORNER

Get your kids out of the public schools! In the upcoming weeks we will have flyers explaining the new diocesan \$50 million financial assistance for new families. Our school has openings in most grade levels from TK through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade; we will gladly give you a personalized tour! The classical curriculum, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Carmelites present and active in our classrooms, weekly Masses, confessions, and a strong religion program are some of the attributes that make our school special. We are blessed to have faculty members who are all knowledgeable in classical education and who all love and actively practice their faith.



Our JOG-A-THON is Wednesday, November 3, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon, in the parking lot. SPONSOR-A-FRIAR! To make a pledge for one or more of the friars, go to the home page of our website and fill out the form or pick up a form from the office!

SAVE THE DATES FOR: 1) OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION on December 11 AND our 2) POKER NIGHT on February 25.

jog-a-thon

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION!



This Tuesday, October 26, there will be a **MANDATORY MEETING** for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., at the picnic tables in front of the Parish Hall. We will then go into the church after the Spanish Mass.

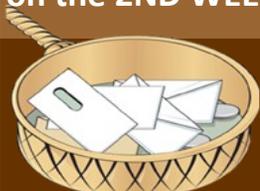
If you have any questions, please contact Liccia Beck at [liccia.labeck.beck44@gmail.com](mailto:liccia.labeck.beck44@gmail.com).

## EVENING MASSES/DEVOTIONS

- \* MONDAY CONTEMPLATIVE CANDLELIGHT MASS: Fr. Robert Barcelos, OCD, celebrates this weekly Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- \* TUESDAY SPANISH MASS NIGHTS: Mass Celebrated in SPANISH beginning with the ROSARY in Spanish at 6:30 pm; 7:00 p.m.: Showing of a portion of Season 2 of *The Chosen*; 7:15 p.m.: Mass
- \* WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS: St. Joseph Prayer Group meets at 3:00 p.m. in front of St. Joseph's statue.
- \* WEDNESDAY MASS & CONFESSION NIGHTS: Fr. Godfrey normally celebrates this 7:00 p.m. Mass, followed by outdoor Confessions.
- \* +THURSDAY NIGHTS IN HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH: The schedule is: 7:00 p.m.: Showing of a portion of Season 2 of *The Chosen*; 7:15 p.m.: Mass; 7:45-8:45 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 during Adoration on Thursday evenings and First Friday evenings.

## 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.



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 October 2 / 3 .....\$17,914.00  
 October 9 / 10.....\$25,630.00

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# THEOLOGY OF THE BODY SERIES

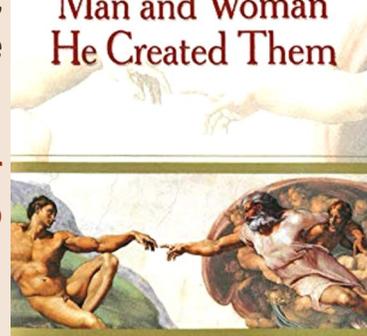
Everyone is invited to join us to learn more about St. John Paul's *Theology of the Body* by attending this series. We meet on the **SECOND** and **FOURTH** Fridays of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Guadalupe Courtyard of the Parish Offices (next dates are **November 12** and **26**).

Fr. Thomas serves as facilitator. Included is audio, video, and Power Point presentations, as well as discussion and prayer. Feel free to bring food and/or drinks to share!

For those who would prefer, you are also welcome to join us **VIA ZOOM**. The Personal Meeting ID Number is **846 381 4560** and the Passcode is **yaCsG6**.

JOHN PAUL II

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He Created Them



A Theology of the Body

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 6:30 P.M.



All are invited to join us next **Saturday evening, October 30, at 6:30 p.m.**, in the Hall for the powerful pro-life (and also quite funny!) family film, *October Baby* (as mentioned by Fr. Thomas in his letter in this bulletin). As he said, It is based on a true story, with one of the actresses in the movie being the actual person whose story is being told. Be sure to stay until the end to catch the powerful interview with her!

## OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH!

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE—September 22 - October 31:** Help save lives! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has saved 18,855 babies from abortion...221 abortion workers have been converted, and... 112 abortion centers have been closed. Join us outside the Planned "Parenthood" on **1045 West Lake Avenue, Pasadena**, anytime between 7 am and 7 pm daily, to pray for an end to abortion and for those who we see enter the building.

For more info, contact Maria Alejandra at (626) 993-4236.

**RESPECT LIFE QUOTE:** "The greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion, which is war against the child. The mother doesn't learn to love, but kills to solve her own problems. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want."

-St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



RESPECT LIFE  
respectlife.org

# THE REAL ST. THERESE

A continuing bulletin feature, excerpted  
from *The Passion of St. Therese of Lisieux*  
by Bishop Guy Gaucher—Issue 8



## St. Therese and Her Relationships With Those Outside the Carmel:

Outside her community, Therese's contacts were limited to the priest who heard her confession regularly, the extraordinary confessor, the retreat preachers, her family—whom she met with in the parlor and with whom she corresponded—and her two spiritual brothers who had recently come into her life. The Carmelite Nuns' chaplain and ordinary confessor, Abbot Youf, had a high regard for Therese. All the evidence is unanimous on this point. But he does not seem to have played a decisive role in her spiritual evolution, nor did he even help her effectively during her trials. In April 1897, at age fifty-five, he was sick himself and feared death. He only survived his penitent by eight days. Therese's family group consisted of her sister Leonie

Martin, her Uncle Isadore Guerin and his wife, and their daughter Jeanne, who was married to the doctor, Francis La Neele.

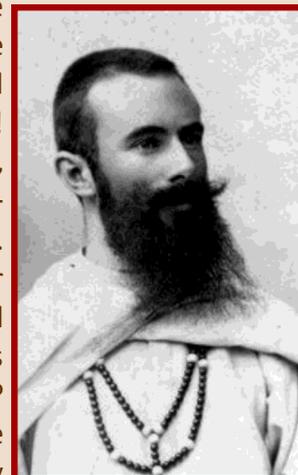
How would Therese's sister Leonie, who had made three unsuccessful attempts to enter religious life, not have admired the determination of Therese who had entered the convent at fifteen? Scarred by her difficult childhood and these repeated failures, Leonie was living with the Guerins, who surrounded her with affection. Yet for them all, she remained "that poor little Leonie". Therese was the only one who encouraged Leonie in her vocation to become a Visitation nun and sent her letters worthy of a spiritual director. The Guerin family loved the sensitive and affectionate "little Therese"; but, for Uncle Isidore, the striking personality of the family was Pauline. The little youngest one appeared so shy and retiring in the parlor! She also kept up a correspondence with the La Neeles and repeatedly expressed her hope that Jeanne would one day become a mother. Francis was to look after Therese in the infirmary.

Therese had met Fr. Roulland in the parlor on July 3, 1896, after his Ordination to the Priesthood, and



**Fr. Adolphe Roulland**

followed the progress of his apostolate in China. As for the seminarian Maurice Belliere, still not strong in his vocation, he begged his spiritual sister for help (after ordination, he served in Africa). Both held "such a large place" in the Carmelite's life! Under Mother Marie de Gonzague's watchful control, Therese—whatever she herself had to say on the matter—became more and more a counselor to these two young men. At the end of this brief survey, we can say that, except for her three sisters, no one really knew Therese. It can even be said that, despite what she did say to her sisters, the Martin sisters only knew her imperfectly. How can we be surprised at this? She had always wanted to live unknown and hidden. She succeeded. Furthermore, her contacts were reduced to a very limited circle. And so it was that, in April 1893, no one would have thought that in less than five years, this young smiling



**Fr. Maurice Belliere**

and lovable Carmelite would be known throughout the whole world. But the rapid progress of her illness at the end of Lent focused everyone's attention on her. Yet, how could Therese's health have been able to deteriorate to such a serious extent without those around her noticing it sooner?

**NEXT WEEK: Early symptoms of her disease**

# Mass Intentions

October 23—October 30, 2021

**Saturday:**

5:00 p.m.: Roy Lagon, RIP

**Sunday**

\*7:30 am: Sr. Regina, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Vubinh Nguyen, INT

11:00 a.m.: Catherine Dennison and Shayleigh Dennison, INT

1:00 p.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT

5:00 p.m.: Dan Rosenthal, RIP

**Monday:**

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD, INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Mariano Aguilar, INT

8:00 a.m.: Benjamin Arakawa, Birthday INT

7:00 p.m.: The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns INT

**Tuesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Graziella Almanza, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Marty and Merle Smith, INT

8:00 a.m.: Hilda Trainor, RIP

7:00 p.m.: (Span): Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Rey Gervacio, INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Abby Cano, INT

8:00 a.m.: Daisy Thompson, INT

7:00 p.m.: Honor of St. Jude for Poor Souls

**Thursday:**

6:00 a.m.: Miranda Family, INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Susan Esteban, Birthday INT

8:00 a.m.: Giovanna Setiady, Birthday INT

7 pm: Cynthia Murphy & Bruce Reynolds, INT

**Friday:**

6:00 a.m.: Dominic Sciaraffa, RIP

\*7:30 am: Teresa Taylor, INT

8:00 a.m. VuBinh Nguyen, INT

**Saturday:**

\*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Gabriel Panganiban, RIP

**\*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel, 215 E Alhambra Rd OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Mon.-Sat.**

## LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the 7:00 p.m. weekday Masses are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube (for those unable to attend due to illness, etc.).

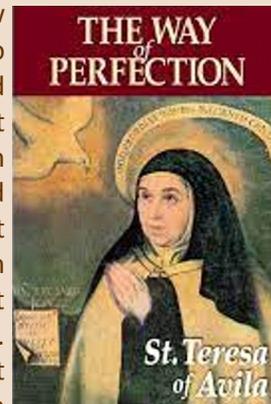
Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

# Quiet Listening Prayer

**FROM THE WAY OF PERFECTION**

by St. Teresa of Jesus (of Avila)

"(The following concerns how to pray well and how not to pray well the Rosary and other vocal prayers) "Now it could be that I am mistaken in this matter, but I see and know that this is what happens, and in my opinion this is why there are not many more spiritual persons. When individuals do not respond by service that is in



conformity with so great a favor, when they do not prepare themselves to receive it again, but take back their wills from the hands of the Lord, who already possesses these wills as His own, and set them upon base things, the Lord goes in search of those who do love Him so as to give more to them. Yet, He doesn't take away entirely what He has given, when one lives with a pure conscience. But there are persons—and I have been one of them—who make themselves deaf when the Lord, taking pity on them, gives them holy inspirations and light concerning the nature of things and, in sum, gives this kingdom and places them in this prayer of quiet. For they are so fond of speaking and reciting many vocal prayers very quickly, like one who wants to get a job done, since they oblige themselves to recite these every day, that even though, as I say, the Lord places His kingdom in their hands, they do not receive it. But with their vocal prayers they think they are doing better, and they distract themselves from the prayer of quiet." **(Chapter 31, Number 12).**

## SEEKING . . .

The Pregnancy Help Center of the SGV is seeking **APPLICANTS FOR THEIR BOARD!** We ask all who support the Mission of the Center to consider joining the Board. If interested, contact Cheryl Alberg at (626) 287-2831 OR [caja2@aol.com](mailto:caja2@aol.com).

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