

St. 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 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

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

Monday – Friday: 9:00 am-1:00 pm; 2:00 pm-5:00 pm
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There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. When the wine ran short, the Mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My Hour has not yet come." His Mother said to the servers, "**Do whatever He tells you.**" Now there were six stone water jars...each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water. Draw some out and take it to the headwaiter." When the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from...he called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this at the beginning of His signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed His glory, and His disciples began to believe in Him (John 2:1-11).

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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 Epiphanytide,
everyone!**

"What??? We celebrated Epiphany two weeks ago! What are you talking about???"

Well, what I'm talking about is, "Part Three of the Mystery of Epiphany". Remember, Epiphany (from the Greek "epi" and "phainō," meaning "to shine upon") celebrates **THREE** mysteries, not just one: 1) the coming of the Magi to Jesus in Bethlehem, which we celebrated two weeks ago on

January 2nd; 2) the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, which we celebrated last Sunday, January 9th; and 3) the Wedding Feast at Cana, today's Gospel, when Jesus turns water into wine. And again, to properly SEE into (and experience more deeply!) this three-fold mystery, we need to hear this Liturgy of the Hours antiphon from Epiphany: "Today, the Bridegroom claims His Bride, the Church, since Christ has washed her sins away in Jordan's waters; the Magi hasten with their gifts to the royal wedding; and the wedding guests rejoice, for Christ has changed water into wine, alleluia."

So, as we mentioned last week, each of these first three Sundays in January is reminding each of us of the call to a spousal (romantic/wedding) relationship with God. To put this into the context of the ongoing discussion of our fundamental identity, which comes before the different things we need to do in life, we could say that last week emphasized our beloved son/daughter relationship with the Blessed Trinity, and that we are working on finding out our baptismal birthday and celebrating it—as well as praying at Mass and throughout the day: "Jesus, please show me my heavenly Dad's love for me!" And this week is emphasizing for us our spousal/romantic relationship with the Trinity, which encourages us to pray: "Jesus, please show me the Holy Spirit's spousal love for me!" and "Jesus, please help me to trust that I'm invited to become the bride of the Divine Bridegroom! I really need help to trust that is real!"

To help us all to trust that this is core Catholic teaching, and not something that only Carmelites talk about, here again is a quote from Scripture: "No more shall you be called 'Forsaken,' nor your land called 'Desolate,' but you shall be called 'My Delight is in her,' and your land 'Espoused.' For the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be espoused. For as a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you" (Isaiah 62:4-5).

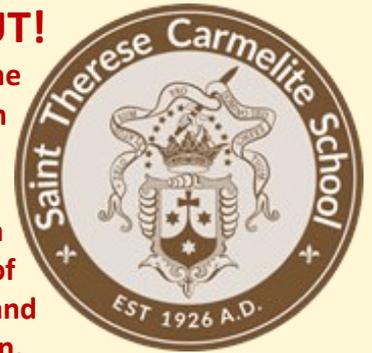
Here is a challenge for this week, with the purpose of helping us all to put this new mindset into practice: When someone asks you this week, "What are you up to? What's going on?," tell him or her, "I'm working on learning my baptismal birthday, and I'm getting ready for my wedding..." And, of course, the person will respond with something like: "Wait, YOU are getting MARRIED?!?!?" And then you can respond, "Yup! ...To God!!!"

Fraternally in Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
Fr. Thomas

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

COME AND SEE WHAT OUR SCHOOL IS ABOUT!

Saint Therese Carmelite School and the Carmelite friars invite you to attend the School's OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, January 30th. Start your tour in the Parish Hall anytime between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on that Sunday.



Saint Therese Carmelite School, founded in 1926, is first and foremost a Catholic School, educating our students through the Catholic Classical model of education, which equips our students with the logic, critical thinking, and language skills necessary for them to succeed throughout their lives. In addition, they attend a weekly Mass, have monthly confession, and learn Spanish (TK-2nd Grade), Latin (3rd—8th Grade), Euclidean geometry, and fine arts. They can also participate in an all-School choir, CYO sports, and after-School care.

For more information, please visit their website at www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com.

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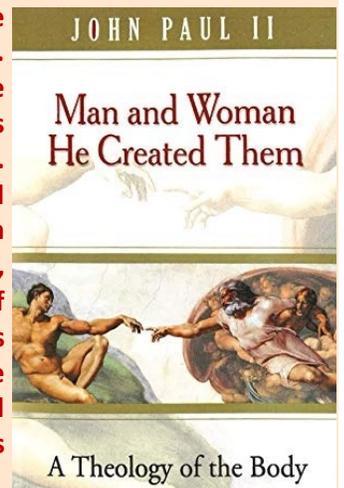
this; doing so is tantamount to destruction of property, which is a serious offense.

Your cooperation and respect will be much appreciated.



THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Everyone is invited to come and learn more about St. John Paul's Theology of the Body by attending this series (facilitated by Fr. Thomas). 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 is January 28). Included in the series is audio, video, and Power Point presentations, as well as discussion and prayer.



You are also welcome to join us VIA ZOOM. The Personal Meeting ID Number is 846 381 4560 and the Passcode is yaCsG6.

OFFICES TEMPORARILY CLOSED

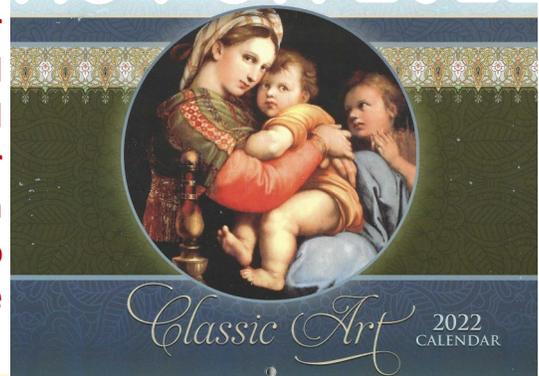
Due to an increase in local Covid cases (including people who are associated with this office), we have made a decision to temporarily CLOSE the offices. This will last until further notice.

If you'd like to schedule Masses, request copies of sacramental certificates, or conduct any other church-related business, please call us at (626) 282-2744, ext. 0. Anything you need to pick up will be left on the TABLE TO THE LEFT OF THE DOOR. You may put anything you need to give to a friar or a staff member into the MAIL SLOT TO THE RIGHT OF THE DOOR.

Check our website for information about scheduling a funeral, a wedding, or a baptism. Thank you for your understanding... STAY SAFE!

CHURCH CALENDARS FOR 2022

Thanks to the generosity of Pierce Brothers, Turner & Stevens Mortuary, we have received a limited supply of church calendars for 2022. You can find these on the tables in the church... PLEASE, one per family! If they have all been taken before you can pick one up, call the office (626-282-2744) to arrange for one to be left for you on the table on the front porch of the offices.

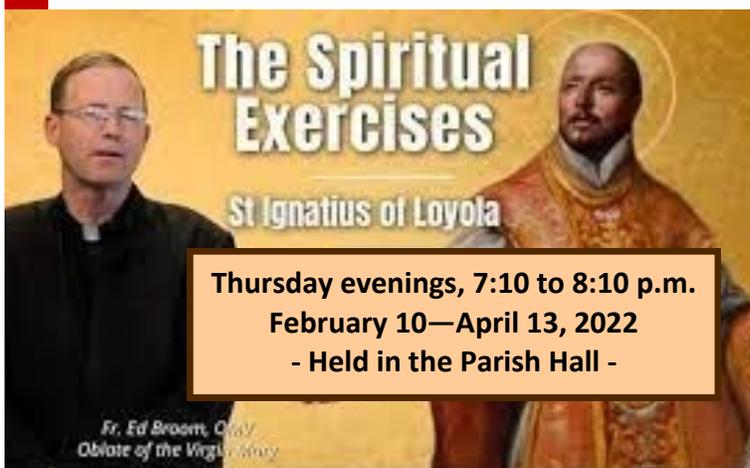


SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS

You are invited to attend this FREE ten-week course, conducted by Fr. Ed Broom. It will be held in our Parish Hall on Thursday evenings from February 10 through April 13 from 7:10 to 8:10 p.m. each evening (following the evening Mass, which will be held at 6:00 p.m. during the ten weeks).

You MUST pre-register by sending an email to StcLENT2022@gmail.com (include your name and your phone number). If you don't have email, leave a voice mail with Maria Alejandra by calling (626) 282-2744, ext. 1—235.

(You can read details from the flyers posted on the home page of our website.)



WOMEN'S RETREAT AT EL CARMELO IN REDLANDS



Join us for a Women's Silent Retreat from **Friday, March 11, through Sunday, March 13**, at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands. There will be **NO bus transportation** in 2022. You must drive or carpool to El Carmelo Retreat House, 926 East Highland Avenue, Redlands, California. To join us, **mail the filled-out form below, along with your \$60 non-refundable DEPOSIT check to the retreat captain: LOUISA DAY**, 600 West Gleason Street, Monterey Park 91754

(the balance is due on March 1, 2022). For more info, e-mail Louisa at louisaeday@yahoo.com or text her at (323) 360-5186. Include with your check the following info:

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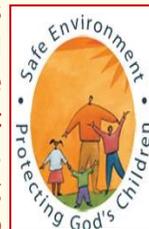
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EVERYONE IN MINISTRIES MUST BE VIRTUS COMPLIANT!

In keeping in line with the Archdiocesan policies for the Protecting God's Children Program, Fr. Thomas states that **anyone working or volunteering with or around children in the school or church is required to be certified in the Virtus program and to have their fingerprints on record with the Archdiocese** (NOTE: children are present in most liturgical ministries, i.e., altar servers, etc.) **Fr. Thomas says that each person needs to be in compliance by February 1, 2022, or may not continue in his or her ministry.** This includes everyone involved in ANY PARISH MINISTRY, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, etc. The following classes will be offered via ZOOM (**you MUST pre-register by the Friday before the class you need to take!!**):



- **Protecting God's Children**, the initial full three-hour course required for **those who need to be certified for the first time** within the L.A. Archdiocese, will be offered TWICE, as follows: **Thursday, January 27, and Thursday, February 3—both from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., via Zoom.**
- **Keeping the Promise Alive**, the recertification course for **those recertifying** within five years of their first certification (2016), will also be offered TWICE, as follows: **Tuesday, January 25, and Tuesday, February 1—both from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., via Zoom.**

For questions or **to register for any of the four classes**, you must email rhondalstorey@gmail.com. Once you do that, you will receive the registration forms, followed by the Zoom link the day before the session for which you register.

FORMED: THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND



Fr. Thomas has purchased a subscription to the Catholic media website, *FORMED* (think of it as a Catholic Netflix), as a gift for our parishioners. PLEASE be sure to make use of it and share it with your family. This "True Catholic" streaming service has so much to offer for Catholics of all ages, and will bring you and your family closer to our Faith.

To get started, go to our website home page and scroll down to find the logo in the center column. Click on the image and then enter your name, your email address, a password, and your zip code—and enjoy movies, talks, audio dramas, and e-books—all just a link away!

Fasting from the Sin of Self Reliance

PAUSE TO HEAR GOD SPEAK:

"Not that of ourselves we are qualified to take credit for anything as coming from us; rather, our qualification comes from God" (2 Corinthians 3:5).

"But [the Lord] said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

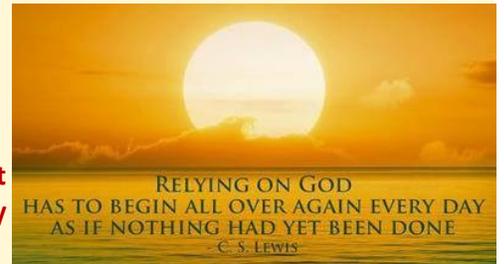
Today, I choose to fast from the sin of self reliance. One of the many faces of pride is self-reliance. We rely on ourselves, acting and believing that God is not to be trusted with a part of our lives. We might trust God in many areas of our lives, but there is usually at least one area where we rely on ourselves.

Do you trust your finances to God? How about your relationships? Your marriage? Your children? We prize self-reliance in Western culture, and it is deeply ingrained in the American ethic. In reality, self-sufficiency is a godless reliance on ourselves and a self-neglect of our hearts and souls. Our reliance on ourselves is a refusal of the grace and power of God. We live as if we know ourselves and our needs better than God does. We live as if we are alone. When we live in self-reliance, we really say to God and others, "I don't need you." It is a lonely and depressing way to live that is doomed to ultimate failure. Sooner or later, we will be

confronted by a situation that we cannot solve. As you continue this reflection, try to examine every area of your life for self-reliance.

Take time to ask yourself ...

- ◆ Where in my life do I strive for independence?
- ◆ When do I make decisions and act before seeking God?
- ◆ Check in with your work life, family life, and personal activities. What am I afraid will happen if I become dependent on God in this area of my life?



Pray slowly... Heavenly Father, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I renounce self-reliance and repent all the ways I have acted out of it. I reject every form of self-reliance and self-sufficiency in my life. I ask you, Father, to forgive me, and I forgive myself for relying on my own strength and knowledge, and all the times that doing so have tempted me to sin. Holy Spirit, make me aware of any self-reliant thoughts, feelings, and actions. Amen.

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



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.



January 8 / 9 , 2022	
Unrestricted.....	\$10,665.00
Restricted	\$50,956.00
TOTAL.....	\$61,621.00

December 11/12	\$31,382.00
December 18/19	\$26,602.00
December 25/26	\$24,261.00
January 1/2	\$ 6,640.00

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

Mass Intentions

Quiet Listening Prayer

January 15 to 22, 2022

Saturday evening:

5:00 p.m.: Charles "Chuck" Marikian, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Anna Than Nguyen & Family, INT

7:30 a.m.: Goh & Cheah Families, INT

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Eliseo Tan, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Lydia Geraks & Family, INT

5:00 p.m.: Felix Zamora, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

*7:30 a.m.: Aurora Garcia, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Maria Elena Arando Paredes, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Vikki Ng, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Michael, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Emma Lowenberg, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Gerald Curland, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Otto Lacayo, Jr., INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Kim Ki Chul, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Paul Toai Nguyen, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Maria Elena Arando Paredes, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Howard Pink, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Park Ho Soon Maria, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Emma Lowenberg, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Espy Lopez, RIP

7:00 p.m.: In Thanksgiving

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Philip Liu, Jr., RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Peter Tu Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Maria Elena Arando Paredes, RIP

Saturday Morning

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: George Sebastian, RIP

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel, 215 E Alhambra Road, Alhambra, California**

***Although Mass is still being celebrated at the chapel for the above intentions, it is temporarily closed to the public, due to an increase in Covid cases.**

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

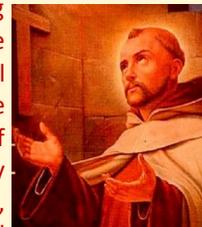
The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the 7:00 p.m. weekday Masses are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube (for those unable to attend due to illness, etc.).

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

From *The Living Flame of Love*

By St. John of the Cross

If as I say—and it is true—this loving knowledge is received passively in the soul according to the supernatural mode of God, and not according to the natural mode of the soul, individuals, if they want to receive it, should be very annihilated in their natural operations, unhampered, idle, quiet, peaceful, and serene, according to the mode of God. The more the air is cleansed of vapors and the quieter and more simple it is, the more the sun illumines and warms it.



A person should not bear attachment to anything, neither to the practice of meditation nor to any savor, whether sensory or spiritual, nor to any other apprehensions. Individuals should be very free and annihilated regarding all things, because any thought or discursive reflection or satisfaction on which they may want to lean would impede and disquiet them and make noise in the profound silence of their senses and their spirit, which they possess for the sake of this deep and delicate listening.

God speaks to the heart in this solitude, which He mentioned in Hosea [Hos. 2:14], in supreme peace and tranquility while the soul listens, like David, to what the Lord God speaks to it [Ps. 85:8, 84:9], for He speaks this peace in this solitude. When it happens, therefore, that souls are conscious in this manner of being placed in solitude and in the state of listening, they should even forget the practice of loving attentiveness, as I mentioned, so as to remain free for what the Lord then desires of them.

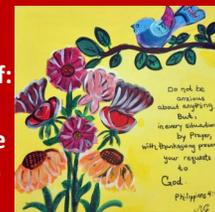
They should make use of that loving awareness only when they do not feel themselves placed in this solitude or inner idleness or oblivion or spiritual listening. So they may recognize it, it always comes to pass with a certain peace and calm and inward absorption (Stanza III, Nos. 34-35).

Personal Ad

ROOM IN APARTMENT AVAILABLE FOR RENT: On Lake Avenue in Pasadena (shared bath, house privileges). \$850/mo plus \$500 deposit. Call Connie at (626) 318-6281.

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
 † Louise Rowe
 (Funeral Mass to be held at St. Therese on Tuesday, January 18, at 10:00 a.m.)



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