

St. Therese Catholic Church

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"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you" (Luke 17:6).

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.

First Friday Mass: 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS (OUTSIDE)-Wednesdays from 8:00

to 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

and Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Carmelite Nuns: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

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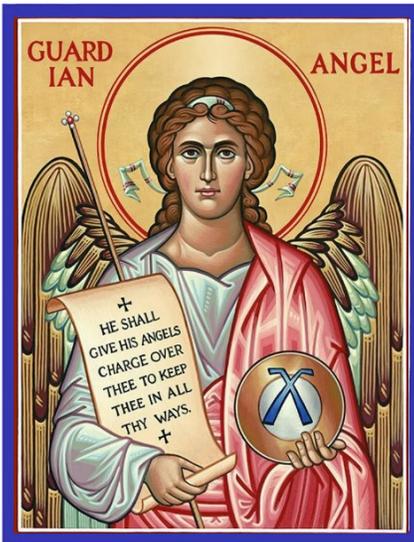
SACRAMENTS

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

A Letter from the Pastor

Blessed 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, and Feast of the Guardian Angels (which is not celebrated this year because Oct 2nd falls on a Sunday)!

THANK YOU! ...to all the St. Therese Carmelite School staff, teachers, students, families, volunteers, and all sorts of wonderful guests who helped make our Benefit Dinner and Auction for the school such a success!! Let us all savor it, and then come back next week and continue working hard, so that we can hopefully expand to a 9th Grade next August. We count on your regular prayer and missionary zeal in spreading the good news of our classical curriculum school (one of only three in the Southland!).



Speaking of our Guardian Angels, here are some thoughts by Dr. Peter Kreeft:

1. They really exist. Not just in our minds, or our myths, or our symbols, or our culture. They are as real as your dog, or your sister, or electricity.
2. They're present, right here, right now, right next to you, reading these words with you.
3. They're NOT cute, cuddly, comfortable, chummy, or "cool". They are fearsome and formidable. They are huge. They are warriors.
4. They are the real "extraterrestrials," the real "Supermen," the ultimate aliens. Their powers are far beyond those of all fictional creatures.
5. They are more brilliant minds than Einstein.
6. They can literally move the heavens and the earth if God permits them.
7. There are also evil angels, fallen angels, demons, or devils. These, too, are NOT myths. Demon possessions and exorcisms are real!
8. Angels are aware of you, even though you can't usually see or hear them. But you can communicate with them. You can talk to them without even speaking.
9. You really do have your very own "guardian angel." Everybody does.
10. Angels often come disguised. "Do not neglect hospitality, for some have entertained angels unawares"—that's a warning from life's oldest and best instruction manual.
11. We are on a protected part of a great battlefield between angels and devils, extending to eternity.
12. Angels are sentinels standing at the crossroads where life meets death. They work especially at moments of crisis, at the brink of disaster—for bodies, for souls, and for nations.

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

And now back to our ongoing series on transformation through the Sacraments (below).

ABIDING PRESENCE: How Holy Communion Heals Wounds of Abandonment

(From Chapter Four of Be Transformed: The Healing Power of the Sacraments by Bob Schuchts) | 7th installment

I had the privilege of praying with a priest named Fr. Edward who had a debilitating condition that prevented him from lifting his arms over his head; it caused constant pain in his hands, shoulders, and arms. In our prayer time together, the Holy Spirit revealed to us that his physical ailment originated in unhealed abandonment wounds from early childhood. Suffering for more than forty years, he had reached a crisis point and was desperate for help as these wounds continued crippling his priestly vocation, making it especially difficult to celebrate Mass.

My prayer time with Fr. Edward turned out to be much more intense than either of us anticipated. It reminded me that the Catechism describes contemplative prayer as an "intense time of prayer" where we encounter Jesus and He encounters us in the depths of our hearts (CCC, 2709-2719). As we asked the Holy Spirit to reveal the root issues of Fr. Edward's ailment, he brought him in touch with early childhood memories of abandonment. He sobbed as he relived the searing pain of feeling cut off from both his mother and father's love and nurturing during early childhood.

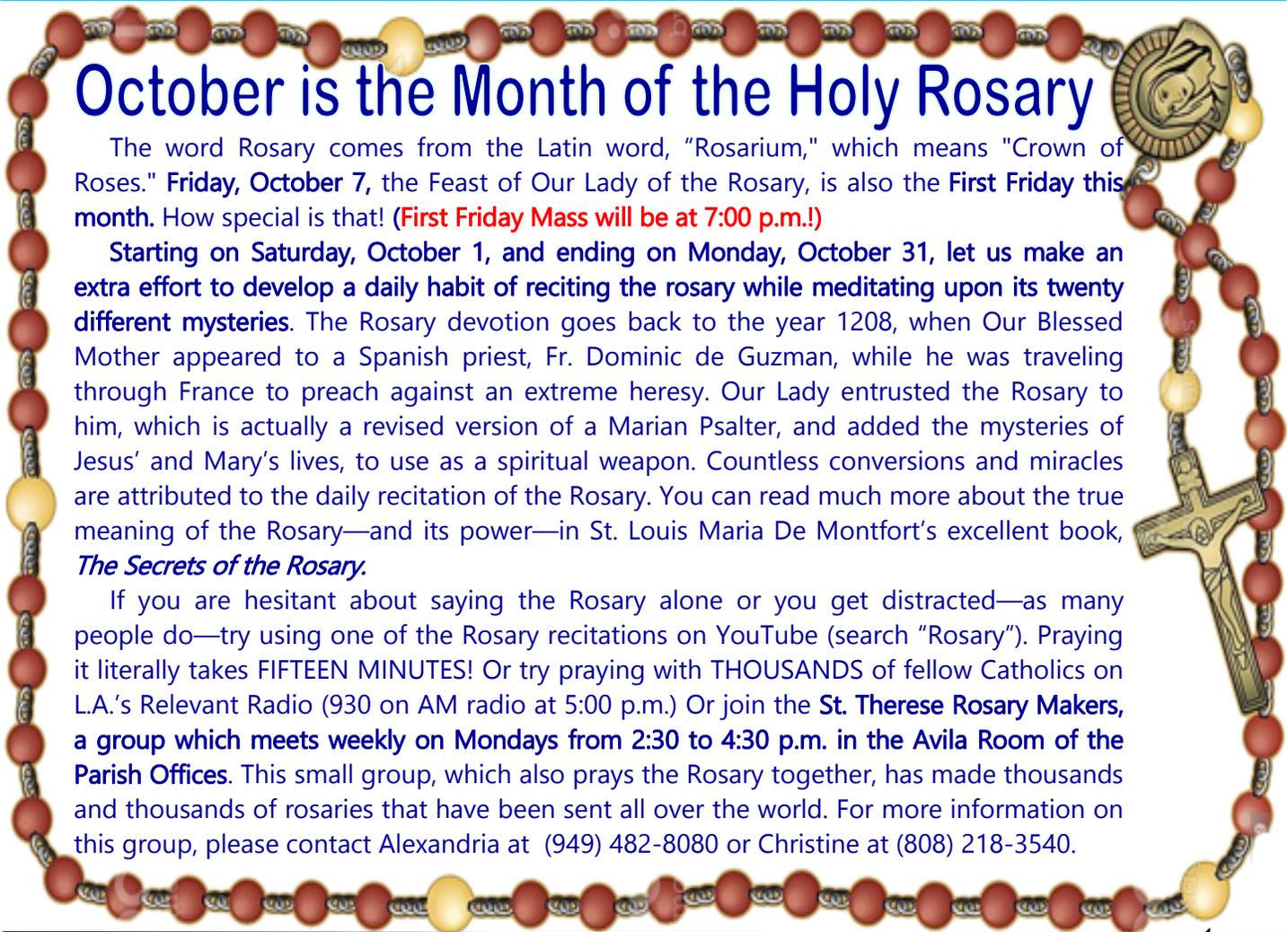
In prayer, the Holy Spirit showed him that the pain in his hands and arms reflected his longing to be held by his parents, and that his shoulder pain revealed the burdens he carried in feeling responsible for everyone around him. Jesus revealed to him that He was present with him in his childhood suffering and that He would now carry the burdens with him in the priesthood. As Jesus spoke these realities within the depths of Fr. Edward's heart, the pain immediately began to decrease. But the healing was far from finished. Jesus invited him to continue the healing process within the celebration of the Eucharist. While celebrating Mass, Fr. Edward found his heart fully engaged. After receiving Communion, he experienced a loving presence which permeated throughout his body. He heard Jesus say, "You are not alone. I am always with you." By the end of the third day of the conference, he was almost entirely pain-free from these ailments which had been a constant hindrance to his ministry.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

The word Rosary comes from the Latin word, "Rosarium," which means "Crown of Roses." **Friday, October 7**, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, is also the **First Friday** this month. How special is that! (**First Friday Mass will be at 7:00 p.m.!**)

Starting on Saturday, October 1, and ending on Monday, October 31, let us make an extra effort to develop a daily habit of reciting the rosary while meditating upon its twenty different mysteries. The Rosary devotion goes back to the year 1208, when Our Blessed Mother appeared to a Spanish priest, Fr. Dominic de Guzman, while he was traveling through France to preach against an extreme heresy. Our Lady entrusted the Rosary to him, which is actually a revised version of a Marian Psalter, and added the mysteries of Jesus' and Mary's lives, to use as a spiritual weapon. Countless conversions and miracles are attributed to the daily recitation of the Rosary. You can read much more about the true meaning of the Rosary—and its power—in St. Louis Maria De Montfort's excellent book, *The Secrets of the Rosary*.

If you are hesitant about saying the Rosary alone or you get distracted—as many people do—try using one of the Rosary recitations on YouTube (search "Rosary"). Praying it literally takes FIFTEEN MINUTES! Or try praying with THOUSANDS of fellow Catholics on L.A.'s Relevant Radio (930 on AM radio at 5:00 p.m.) Or join the **St. Therese Rosary Makers**, a group which meets weekly on Mondays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. This small group, which also prays the Rosary together, has made thousands and thousands of rosaries that have been sent all over the world. For more information on this group, please contact Alexandria at (949) 482-8080 or Christine at (808) 218-3540.



Second Collection Next Weekend for Our School!

Every second weekend of each month, we have a Second Collection to help support our School. The second weekend of October will be NEXT weekend, October 8 and 9.

Please help support our very special School so it can continue offering a true Catholic education!



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.



September 24 / 25, 2022

Unrestricted..... \$15,258.00
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September 3 / 4.....\$14,904.00
September 10 / 11\$20,569.00
September 17 / 18\$10,766.00

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The Cloistered Carmelite Auxiliary Invites You to the Annual HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & BOUTIQUE



Join the Auxiliary for this festive event on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21**, at Msgr. Connolly Hall at Holy Family Church, 1501 Fremont Avenue, South Pasadena. It will include a Treasure Sale, the Nuns' Specialty Breads, Candy, Nuts, and Handmade Items, Holiday gift items, plans, a 50/50 Raffle, and a Silent Auction. **The schedule is: 10:30 a.m.: Boutique & Social house; 12:00 Noon: Luncheon**

To **RSVP (by October 17!)**, **mail your check** (made out to Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary for \$35 per person), along with your name, the names of any guests, and your phone number, to: Kathy Cardoza, 710 Lindaraxa Park South, Alhambra 91801. For any questions, call Kathy at (626) 570-9012.

SLIGHT CHANGE TO THE CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Confessions on **Saturdays** will now **end at 6:00** instead of 6:30 p.m. This will allow the Friars time for Community Prayer.

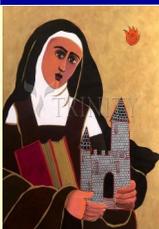
Thank you!

Lay Professionals Ministry at St. Therese

The Lay Professionals' Ministry is an opportunity for non-married (single) adults to come together every month to grow in faith, participate in fellowship, and develop friendships. The ministry meets most months on the **second Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the Avila Room**. We discuss various topics and engage in conversations that are relevant to both single life and life in Christ.

Upcoming meeting topics: October: Note: no meeting this month!; **November 12: Thanksgiving**; **December 10: Advent reflection and the Immaculate Conception**; **January 14: St. Josemaria Escriva and work/life balance**.

For more information, please contact Becky Frost at rgfrost@gmail.com.



Quiet Listening Prayer

From *THE WAY OF PERFECTION* by St. Teresa of Avila: A person feels the greatest delight in his body and a great satisfaction in his soul. He feels so happy with merely being close to the fount that he is satisfied even without drinking. It doesn't seem there is anything else for him to desire. The faculties are still; they wouldn't want to be busy; everything else seems to hinder them from loving. But they are not completely lost; they can think of who it is they are near, for two of them are free. The will is the one that is captive here. If there is some sorrow that can be experienced while in this state, that sorrow comes from a realization that the will must return to the state of being free. The intellect wouldn't want to understand more than one thing; nor would the memory want to be occupied with anything else. Persons in this prayer see that only this one thing is necessary, and everything else disturbs them. They don't want the body to move because it seems they would thereby lose that peace; thus, they don't dare stir. It pains them to speak; in their saying "Our Father" just once, a whole hour passes. They are so close that they see they are understanding as though through signs. They are within the palace, near the King, and they see that He is beginning to give them here His kingdom. It doesn't seem to them that they are in the world, nor would they want to see or hear about anything other than their God. Nothing pains them, nor does it seem anything ever will. In sum, while this prayer lasts, they are so absorbed and engulfed with the satisfaction and delight they experience within themselves that they do not remember there is more to desire; they would eagerly say with St. Peter: "Lord, let us build three dwelling places here" (Chapter 31, No. 4).

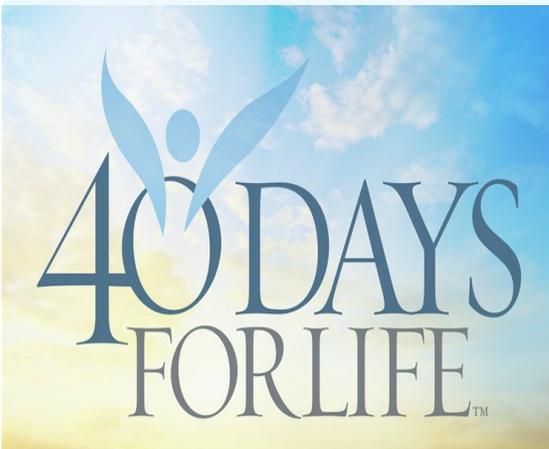
LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes for the 2022-2023 year began two weeks ago. If you would still like to register your child for **FIRST COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION CLASSES**, or register yourself for **Adult Confirmation Classes | R.C.I.A. CLASSES**, you **MUST do so by this coming Friday, October 7, by 4:30 p.m.** (or leave the registration and fee in the mail slot to the right of the door by that night).

Registration forms can be found on our website by clicking the link, "Rel. Educ." **For more information, contact the coordinator, Florence Goh, at STCreligiousEd7@gmail.com.**

LAST DAY TO REGISTER

GIVE AN HOUR IN DEFENSE OF LIFE!



Pasadena's Forty Days of Life began its peaceful prayer and fasting vigil on September 28. Before it ends on November 6, we ask that you try to spend some time with us at the Pasadena Planned Parenthood facility praying to end abortions there. Their busiest days for abortion are Tuesdays. If you are able, please join us anytime Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Let's pray that ALL abortions be stopped.

Pasadena 40 Days for Life:

**Vigil location: Pasadena Planned Parenthood
1045 N Lake Avenue, Pasadena, California**

Vigil Hours: Monday-Friday 9AM-5PM—or on your own time

For questions, contact Rose Curiel at (323) 528-8094 or indigorse40daysforlife@gmail.com. Learn more at www.40daysforlife.com/pasadena

Feasting on Patience and Acceptance

PAUSE TO HEAR GOD SPEAK:

**"We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."
-St. John Paul II**

**"And, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."
—1 Peter 2:5**

Today, I choose to feast on patience and acceptance. While anger often produces immediate results, those outcomes are often not what we'd like--and they come at the price of infecting our relationships with bitterness, resentment, and unforgiveness. Patience, though, actually produces the outcomes that we really hope for. It replaces anger and builds a sense of belonging and acceptance. The chief priests and Pharisees, tired of being embarrassed by Jesus, moved in their anger to have Him killed. They mock, insult, and lie in order to rid themselves of Him. In doing so, they reject the One they claim to worship. Jesus, though, patiently accepts the circumstance, embarrassment, and humiliation of the moment. He wants what the Father wants: Redemption for the world. He is confident in Who He is, confident in His Father, and confident in His mission. Embrace the good news of patience and acceptance that is available to you, and celebrate your restoration and healing in the Eucharist.

Take time to ask yourself:

- What are some ways I would like to be accepted?**
- What types of things make me impatient?**



Heavenly Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I accept the gifts of patience and acceptance in my life. I accept my identity as the beloved child of a gracious Father God. I thank you for my life purposes and the strength to fulfill it. I accept your healing grace. Amen.

The Real St. Therese



An installment from *The Passion of Thérèse of Lisieux* by Guy Faucher

3. Her entrance into darkness | Discovery of her vocation (April – September 1896): On May 10, a dream restored Thérèse's confidence. In the dream, the Foundress of the Carmel in France,

Anne of Jesus, assured her of the affection of the inhabitants of Heaven. Thérèse expressed her preoccupation in a spontaneous question: "Oh Mother! I beg you, tell me whether God will leave me for a long time on earth. Will He soon come to get me?" The reply pleased her: "Yes, soon, soon... I promise you." A second typically Theresian question followed: "Is God pleased with me?" "He is pleased, very pleased!" was the reply. Twenty days later, there was another consoling sign. Mother Marie de Gonzague gave Thérèse a second spiritual brother, Fr. Roulland of the Foreign Missions of Paris. The Carmelite saw herself confirmed in her desire to sacrifice herself, and pray for missionaries and the people who were to receive the Good News. The next day, May 31, Thérèse gave her novice a poem that does not need any commentary: "My Beloved, take my whole life. I want to suffer; I want to die for you. Lord, you have told us yourself: 'Greater love hath no man than to give his life for those he loves.' And yet, O Jesus, you are the One I love above all others. It is late, already it is evening. Come and guide me, Lord, along my way, with your Cross I am climbing the hill. Stay with me, Pilgrim from Heaven. Your Love is my only martyrdom. The more I feel it burn within me, the more does my soul desire you... Jesus, make me die of love for you!"

Whatever the reasons, or the occasions, surrounding the composition of all her poems written in May, June, and July of 1896, this idea of martyrdom seemed to haunt Thérèse. "Martyrdom was the dream of my youth, and this dream has grown in me within Carmel's cloisters," she wrote. In fact, France's policy against Religious Congregations was such that, at times, the Carmelites could have easily believed that they might shed their blood. Thérèse expressed the desire for martyrdom as the apex of her many desires. "But above all, my Beloved Savior, I would shed my blood for you even to the very last drop." That same month she was overjoyed when she heard a talk on the Sixteen Carmelites of Compiègne by the postulator for their cause of Beatification.

CONTINUES NEXT WEEK

Continuationism vs Cessationism

In the mid-19th century, there was a major resurgence of healing within Protestantism, which continued among the Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, and Dutch Reformed Churches. The key leaders of the Faith Cure movement came from these denominations. Healing became one of the most controversial subjects—if not the most controversial—among Protestant churches by the last quarter of the 19th century. Thus, healing was rediscovered within Protestantism even prior to the birth of Pentecostalism. It was not so much the gift of healing that was emphasized, however, as it was God's healing in response to prayers of faith for the sick person. Healing was connected to the promises of God and was possible without the *gift* of healing.



With the birth of Pentecostalism, the belief that God was restoring His gifts as they were in the Apostolic Age came into Protestantism. **This view, called "continuationism," meaning the gifts are continuing in the Church,** was a major departure from "**cessationism,**" meaning the gifts of healing, miracles, tongues, interpretation of tongues, and prophecy had ceased. The division between cessationism and continuationism still exists among Protestant churches today; however, the number of continuationists is greatly surpassing cessationists outside Europe and North America. It has been estimated that approximately 80% of Protestant Christians in the majority world are continuationists.

A primary reason for 16th-century Protestants developing a cessationist position was the Reformation itself. Catholics were using the evidence of continued healings and miracles to argue against the legitimacy of the Protestant movement. In response, the Protestants tried to undercut this authority. Protestants, like Catholics, saw miracles as evidence of correct doctrine. The argument was that since miracles proved correct doctrine, and since Protestants believed some Catholic doctrines were inconsistent with the teaching of the Bible, then the miracles must be counterfeit. These early Protestants wanted to reduce the authority for doctrine to the Bible alone. Therefore, the gifts of healing and miracles no longer existed. Those gifts ended with the death of the apostles or, in the view of some, with the canonization of the Bible (the finalizing of the list of books that belong in the Bible).

The above is taken from *The Spiritual Handbook*—which is available for sale in the office.

Mass Intentions

October 1 to October 8, 2022

Saturday Evening | **FEAST OF ST. THERESE:**

5:00 p.m.: Josie Villacorta, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Noralyn Cailan, INT

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: All Souls in Purgatory

11:00 a.m.: Paul Yong Kong Wah and

Catherine Yong Yik Khean, RIP

1:00 p.m.: St. Therese Church & School INT

5:00 p.m.: Philip Yan, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Frank Fujikami, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Cathleen Thompson, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Juana Soliz Hernandez, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Danilo P. Buenavente, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Rosario Khoo, Birthday INT

8:00 a.m.: Laura & Arturo, INT

7:00 p.m.: Irma Soliz, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Vocations to Carmelite Prov. of St. Jos.

*7:30 a.m.: Joseph Hoang Van Dang, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Maria Odonon, INT

7:00 p.m.: Benjamin Arakawa, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Teddy Yang, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Louis P. Salcido, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Albert Arizmendez, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Kyotsu & Doris Hori, RIP

First Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sara Stone, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Angela Grimm, 8th Birthday INT

7:00 p.m.: Sarita Gomez, Birthday INT

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Lauryl Ann McGrath, INT

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The Carmel Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

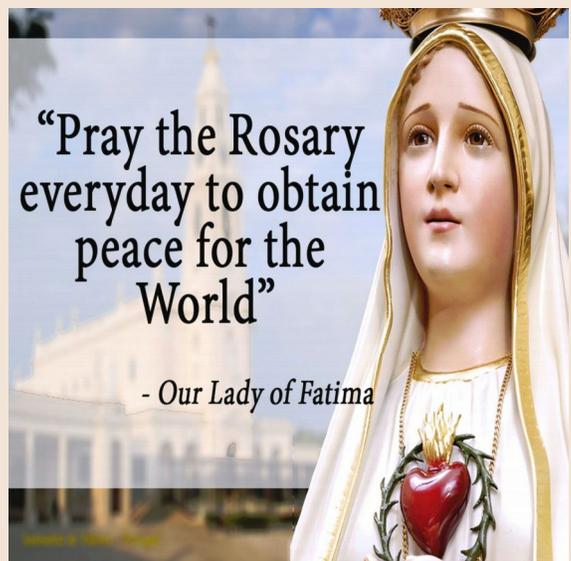
The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the 7:00 p.m. weekday Masses are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube (for those unable to attend due to illness, etc.). Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

Outside the Parish

Want to keep the romance alive? The Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience is for married couples to reconnect privately. The experience allows you to create a dialogue with each other and with God, to create a higher and broader understanding of what it means to be married. The next Encounter will be October 14-16 at Mater Dolorosa in Sierra Madre. To register, contact Cameron & Barbara Troxell at (909) 938-2682 and leave a message. For more info, go to www.SacramentalLove.com.

Fr. Godfrey Chandya, OCD, will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and to Rome/Assisi on Oct. 3 to 14, 2022, for \$4000 each. Included are air, hotels, bus, tour guides, all meals in Jerusalem and breakfasts and dinners in Italy. Call or send a test via WhatsApp to 626-818-2937 or email ximegabella@yahoo.com.

Carmelite Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines of Wisconsin on October 5-12. **NEW RATE:** \$2,995 (double room occupancy) includes round-trip non-stop AA flights from LAX, land travel by deluxe coach, 3*/4* hotels with private bath/daily breakfast/dinner, all touring, daily Mass. Add \$450 for single room occupancy. For details, call Louisa & Jack Day at (323) 360-5186 or (323) 403-8768



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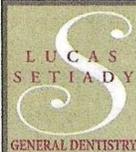
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