

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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**FIRST READING:** "It also happened that seven brothers with their mother were arrested and tortured with whips and scourges by the king to force them to eat pork in violation of God's law " (2 Maccabees 7:1).

## MASSES | CONFESSIONS

**Masses: Saturdays:** 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 7:00 p.m. (Tuesday's evening Mass is in Spanish). Note: the daily 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses and the Sunday 11:00 a.m., Mass are all **LIVE STREAMED** on Facebook AND YouTube)

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

**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

**Monday – Friday: 9:00 am-1:00 pm; 2:00 pm-5:00 pm**

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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page or on the Church's website >Our School > Videos



## 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 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, everyone!

**Let me say right off the bat: THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MASS THIS COMING TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 8 AND 9, due to our being in Redlands for Carmelite meetings all day, both days.**



Inside one of the gutted spaces: corroded pipes, leaks, etc.

We will have all the morning Masses as usual. Also, if you have stopped by the church office recently, you may have noticed some major repairs going on inside. Yes, Jose was working on some limited office plumbing/pipe repairs begun under Fr. Philip; when he began, he found that the damage was much greater than anyone anticipated. There are all kinds of pipes corroding, walls rotting from leaking water, etc., and now we are looking at a \$50,000 project. The funding for this will not come easily—especially since we are also in the midst of some serious fundraising for the School. "Jesus we trust in You," and we also trust in YOUR prayers and financial generosity in these admittedly VERY difficult times. Thank you ahead of time!!!

We also need much help in the getting the word out to other families within and outside of the Parish about our Classical Curriculum, Catholic, Carmelite (CCCC) School, and to invite them to consider a tried and proven Catholic Faith, Academics and Virtue-based alternative to what is going on in the public schools. (For motivation, please read the beginning of Joe Herring's article (on Page Five of this bulletin). We will continue inserting parts of this article in future bulletins.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus chides the Sadducees for knowing neither their Bible nor the Power of God (which is why they are "sad-u-see"). The question for us is: Do WE soak in our Bibles and do WE know the Power of God?? That is one reason why we offer regular healing ministry on Thursdays and on the First Fridays after the evening Mass, and also why we ask the Lord Jesus for words of knowledge at the end of Mass to help us pray with others in their suffering. That way, people can experience the Lord's power on a regular basis—not just through the Sacraments and intercessory prayers like the Rosary and Adoration (these are VERY POWERFUL!!!), but also through praying with a suffering person, in the present moment, with the person right there, receiving prayer and experiencing Jesus' healing in the moment!

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

## (From Chapter Five of *Be Transformed: The Healing Power of the Sacraments* by Bob Schuchts) | 3rd installment

Can you envision the disciples in the upper room, praying in unity with Jesus' mother, Mary? As the one person in the room who had previous experience receiving the Holy Spirit, she knew and understood the power of God's Spirit, which brought Jesus into her womb many years earlier. That first time she had to wait nine months. This time she and her spiritual sons only had to wait nine days, intensely praying together until the gift of the Holy Spirit descended upon them. The manifestations of God's mighty power came upon them in the form of a rushing wind, tongues of fire, and the supernatural gift of languages (Acts 2:1-4). Soon after, the fruit of the Spirit's presence became evident through their love, joy, peace, fortitude, wisdom, understanding, and faithfulness. The disciples were transformed from wounded men and women hiding in a locked room to powerhouses of grace, transforming the world and living and dying as witnesses for Christ.

Confirmed in the power of the Holy Spirit, Peter spoke boldly before the stunned crowds gathered from every nation. He made it abundantly clear that this gift of God's power was available to all people: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call" (Acts 2:38-39).

You and I are counted among those who are far off. All of us who believe in Christ and are baptized are invited to renounce demonic and worldly power and receive God's holy power. According to Church teaching, this grace is given in the sacrament of Confirmation, which is "the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost" (CCC, 1302). Isn't that amazing? You and I are invited to receive the same fullness of power that enabled the disciples to heal the sick, raise the dead, and speak out boldly as Christ's courageous witnesses to change the world.

**TO BE CONTINUED NEXT SUNDAY**

# Rummage Sale and Bake Sale Today, November 6th

Please help support our School by coming to shop for treasures in the Hall TODAY, November 6, from 8:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m.



Our School families are with us today at the **9:00 a.m. Mass**. Then, after the 9:00 a.m. AND 11:00 a.m. Masses, our TK and Kindergarten classes will be in front of the church **selling baked goods, collecting box tops, and taking orders for See's Candies.**



## Lay Professionals



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. Next: **November 12: Thanksgiving**, followed by **December 10: Advent reflection and the Immaculate Conception** and **January 14: St. Josemaria Escriva and work/life balance.** For more information, please contact Becky Frost at [rgfrost@gmail.com](mailto:rgfrost@gmail.com).

## Come to the GPS Gala!

You are invited to Guadalupe Pregnancy Services' Year-End Benefit Gala, **"New Life ... Abundant Blessings" Dinner and Concert** (featuring the Ted Falcon Duo) on **Saturday, November 19, at the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton, 888 Montebello Boulevard in Rosemead.**

This event will begin at 5:00 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and wine (cash bar) and a Silent Auction, followed by the program and dinner at 6:15 p.m.



For Tickets (\$90 per person), go to [www.pregnancy-gps.org](http://www.pregnancy-gps.org). Need more info? Call (323) 360-5186 or email [gps.pregnancy@ymail.com](mailto:gps.pregnancy@ymail.com).

# 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.



October 29 / 30, 2022

Unrestricted..... \$10,247.00  
 Restricted .....\$ 225.00  
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October 1 / 2 .....\$18,879.00  
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 October 15 / 16.....\$10,251.00  
 October 22 / 23 .....\$16,228.00

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

# Vote on Nov. 8!



The Archdiocese of Los Angeles would like to remind everyone that, according to the teaching of our Church, Catholics have a religious and moral obligation to be faithful participants in civic affairs. PLEASE VOTE—by mail or in person! **One of the most important propositions on the ballot for November 8, 2022, is Proposition 1.** This expensive and misleading ballot measure would allow UNLIMITED LATE-TERM ABORTIONS—for any reason, at any time, even moments before birth—all paid for by your tax dollars. Don't hand lawmakers a blank check to pay for abortions, and don't let them make California an "abortion sanctuary." To learn more, visit [www.Catholic.org/Prop1](http://www.Catholic.org/Prop1). OR read one of the postcards located on the tables by the church doors (provided by the Archdiocese).

# Deepening Our Relationship With the Holy Spirit



ALL are invited to join Joe Campbell and Florence Goh for this interactive program series beginning the first week of Advent on November 29 and continuing every Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., via ZOOM. To register, [click the link on the church website's homepage](#), which will take you to the registration site. After completing it, the ZOOM link will be emailed to you.

# A Spiritual Bouquet to Our Lady of Fatima: The Five First Saturdays Devotion

Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 2, the first Saturday of that month, to join us at the 8:00 a.m. Mass, followed by the Rosary and 15-minutes of meditation (in response to our Lady's request at Fatima in 1917). Our First Saturdays devotion is ongoing at St. Therese. **If you want to sign up or have any questions, please contact Maria Alejandra at (626) 993-4236.**



**How to Make Five First Saturdays Devotion:** In last week's bulletin, we explained that part of the devotion is to receive Holy Communion on five First Saturdays and that there are **three conditions for receiving Holy Communion**. The first, addressed in full last week, is to **BE IN THE STATE OF GRACE**. The second condition is **OBSERVE ONE HOUR OF FAST**: Canon law states, "One who is to receive the most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception of water and medicine, for at least one hour before Holy Communion" (Canon 919). Elderly people, those who are ill, and their caretakers are excused from this fast. There are two main reasons for this requirement. First, mortification helps us grow in spiritual discipline. Second, the physical hunger we feel should remind us of the hunger and thirst we should have for the Eucharist. And really, one hour isn't that long; the fast used to begin the midnight preceding receiving the Eucharist.

The third is **BE SUFFICIENTLY DEVOUT AND PREPARED**: Receiving the Holy Eucharist is an invitation from Jesus to each of us, as we hear in the Eucharistic Prayer: "Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body which will be given up for you." As we respond to this invitation, the Catechism reminds us: "Before so great a sacrament, the faithful can only echo humbly and with ardent faith the words of the Centurion... 'Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul will be healed'" (CCC 1386). The Catechism also provides much detail regarding the proper disposition to receive Jesus in Holy Communion: "Bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) also ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest" (CCC 1387). We may never be fully ready for this eternal wedding banquet; but prepare as best as you can, and trust in God's mercy. We highly recommend you dress properly, arrive at Mass earlier, and make an act of reverence before receiving the Eucharist.

What if I can't receive Communion? If, for whatever reason, you are unable to receive Communion (perhaps you are unable to make your Confession, or you are sick or homebound), but you still want to make the First Saturdays devotion, it may be appropriate to make a spiritual Communion and offer that in reparation to the Immaculate Heart.

# Saint Therese Carmelite School

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OUTPERFORMED PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACROSS THE NATION (Part I)

By Joe Herring, Investigative Journalist (Published October 27, 2022)

According to a data analysis performed by the Manhattan Institute (MI), "If Catholic schools were a state, they would be the highest performing in the nation on all four NAEP tests." Amid a contentious national debate over who should exercise greater control over what children learn—teachers or parents—this information may prove to be kryptonite to one side of that argument. The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) bills itself as the "nation's report card," and has been handing out grades since 1969. A Congressionally-mandated program, the NAEP provides a snapshot every two years of what students know in Math and Reading, helpfully broken down by hundreds of factors, including race/ethnicity, socioeconomic standing, and gender. NAEP results are also separated by school type, enabling comparison of achievement in Catholic schools on an even basis with their public counterparts.

As the MI chart reveals, Catholic schools exceeded both public schools and charter schools by wide margins. Of course, they were given quite an assist from the gross underperformance of their competitors, which notched the worst scores in nearly 20 years. Nationally, declines in average reading and math scores reached the double digits from 2019 marks. The decline in math scores was the largest ever recorded. NAEP scores for black students were, on average, two times lower than their white counterparts, showing the so-called achievement gap is both real and growing. Ear-splitting assertions of unconscious bias, white privilege, and systemic racism have proven to be poor strategies for closing that gap, despite having informed education policy for decades. It appears the gap hasn't noticed. (This article will continue in next Sunday's bulletin).

### JOG-A-THON

Wednesday, November 9, 10:00 am

**OUR GOAL IS \$14,000!**

Sponsor a Friar or student today! You can sponsor flat donations or "per lap" pledges. Fill out a pledge form (one per friar) from the tables in the church or make a PayPal credit card donation via the link on the church website.

Bring your lawn chairs and cheer on our runners! We appreciate the support of our parishioners!

### See's Candies Christmas Fundraiser

All Paper Orders due Tuesday, November 29

All Online Orders due Friday, December 2

It's that time of year again! Our See's Candies Christmas Fundraiser is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year!

Paper order forms will be available November 6 after Mass and can be turned in to the school office. Candies will be available for pick-up before Christmas.

Online orders can be placed through our Yum-Raising site. Candies will be delivered straight to your home for a small shipping fee. Please use the following link to place your order. Be sure to send the link to family and friends!

[https://www.yumraising.com/secure/sainttcs\\_stcs\\_winter\\_9/MegDun2321/candy](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/sainttcs_stcs_winter_9/MegDun2321/candy)

## Happy month of All Saints and All Souls!

May we strive each day to love Jesus just as these saints did!



### Thanksgiving Pies for Sale

Support our school and get a yummy Thanksgiving pie!

We will be selling refrigerated Marie Callender's pies by pre-order. Orders are due Thursday, November 10.

Refrigerated pies can be picked up on Sunday, November 20 after Mass in front of the church OR on Wednesday, November 24, from 8am-noon only in the school office.

9" Apple, Cherry, and Pumpkin pies will be sold for \$18 each. 9" Pecan pies will be sold for \$20 each.

Order forms will be available November 6 after Mass.



TK-8th Grade girls are invited to join our chapters of Little Flowers and Little Women! These clubs teach virtues and life skills in fun and engaging ways. The cost is \$35 per girl per year. Our next monthly meeting is Friday, December 2, 12:45-2:30 pm.

Please contact the school office for more information!

# Raffle Tickets to Win Disneyland Tickets



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The drawing for the winner will take place on **Saturday, December 10**, at the Guadalupe Festival Dinner (you do not need to be present). All proceeds will benefit Saint Therese Carmelite School. Raffle tickets can be purchased at either the School or the Parish Offices.

**BEST OF LUCK TO ALL TICKET BUYERS!**

# The Real St. Therese



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

On February 24, 1897, Therese wrote to Belliere: "You have promised to pray for me all your life. No doubt it will be longer than mine, and you are not allowed to sing with me: 'It is my hope, my exile will be short!' But neither are you allowed to forget your promise. If the Lord takes me soon to Himself, I ask you to continue saying the same little prayer daily, for in Heaven I shall want the same thing as on earth: to love Jesus and make all love Him. Monsieur l'Abbe, you must find me very strange. Perhaps you regret having a sister who seems so anxious to go off and enjoy eternal rest, leaving you to work on alone... But you need not worry, the only thing I desire is God's will, and I confess that if I could no longer work for His glory in Heaven, I should prefer exile to the Homeland. I do not know what will happen, but if Jesus brings to pass what I feel lies before me, I promise to remain your little sister up above."

**Continues next week**

# No Evening Masses November 8 / 9



Because the Carmelite Friars will be in Redlands for a Provincial Assembly, there will be no evening Masses on November 8 and 9 (the Norbertine Fathers will celebrate the morning Masses those days). **ALSO...** we will now have Mass **EVERY FRIDAY** at 7:00 p.m.

# Thanksgiving Food Drive

On the weekend of November 19 and 20, before the Masses we will be collecting non-perishable food and turkeys in the Hall. These items will be given to those in need who live in the surrounding area.

**FOOD BANK**



Please bring your donations to the Hall by

5:00 p.m., on Sunday, November 21. Deacon Gil and his team needs plenty of time before Thanksgiving (November 24) to assemble the bags.

**God bless you for caring for others!**

# Want to Serve St. Therese Parish?

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We are looking for volunteers to help livestream, edit videos, and grow our YouTube channel. No experience needed, just a willingness to learn! Please contact [littletheresemedi@gmail.com](mailto:littletheresemedi@gmail.com) if interested.

# Mass Intentions

**November 5 to November 12, 2022**

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: All Souls Novena 3

Sunday:

\*7:30 a.m.: Edgar Lopez, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Nguyen Family & Relatives, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Jack & Louisa Day, 40th Anniv., INT

1:00 p.m.: All Souls Novena 4

5:00 p.m.: James Arakawa, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Karen Ng, Birthday INT

\*7:30 a.m.: All Souls Novena 5

8:00 a.m.: Rigoberto Alluin, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Arenas Ortega Family, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Concepcion Aguilar, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Regina, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Consuelo Alluin, RIP

7:00 p.m.: All Souls Novena 6

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: All Souls Novena 7

\*7:30 a.m.: Dec'd Religious, Relatives, and Benefactors of the Discalced Carmelite Order

8:00 a.m.: Peggy Centola, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Adriana Alluin, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Concepcion Aguilar, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Thompson Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Joaquin Alluin, RIP

7:00 p.m.: All Souls Novena 8

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: All Souls Novena 9

\*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Elizabeth, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Makayla Torres, Birthday INT

Saturday Morning:

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

8:00 a.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

**\*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel**

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

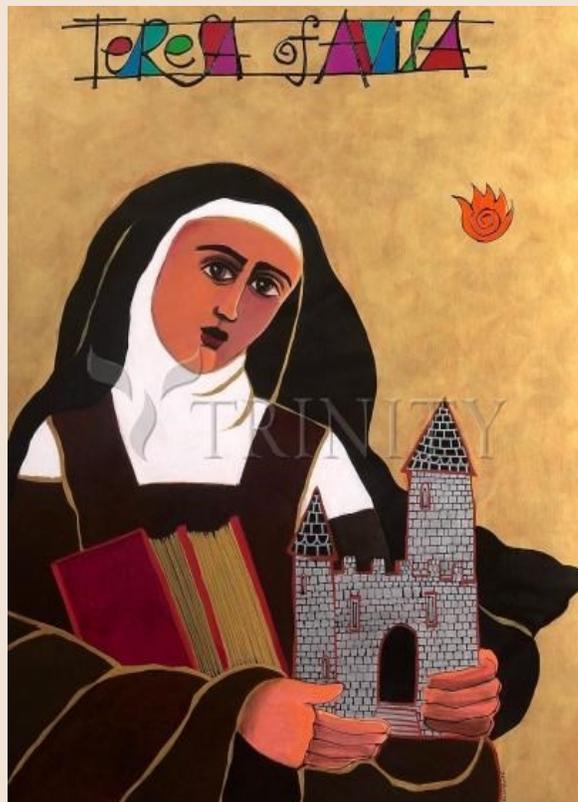
**LIVE STREAMED MASSES:**

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).

# Quiet Listening Prayer

**FROM THE WAY OF PERFECTION**

**By St. Teresa of Avila**



All one need do is go into solitude and look at Him within oneself, and not turn away from so good a Guest but with great humility speak to Him as to a father. Beseech Him as you would a father; tell Him about your trials; ask Him for a remedy against them (Chapter 28, No. 2).

# Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

+ Mary Venti

(Former long-time parishioner | School parent)

+ Armando Stephen Cano  
(Brother of Abby Cano)

His Funeral Mass will be on Wed., Nov. 16  
9:30 a.m.: Rosary; 10:00 a.m.: Mass

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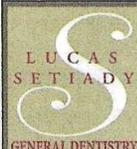
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