

St. Therese Catholic Church

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Jesus said, "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down" (Luke 21:5-19).

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.

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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 33rd and LAST Sunday in Ordinary Time before the Feast of Christ the King, everyone!

Thank you to everyone—especially the Choir and the Altar Society and our lectors and sacristans—who helped make the All Saints and All Souls Masses here at St Thérèse Church so special! (We get to do it again Monday and Tuesday for All Carmelite Saints and Souls :-). And thank you to all who helped make the Rummage Sale school fund raiser so successful!

This is the month of remembering those who have gone before us and died, which also reminds us of our own lives sooner or later coming to an end in this world. Our Lord Jesus helps us with that by giving us today's Gospel: "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end" (Luke 21:9). How do we want to go out of this world and go home to the Father? What are we doing toward that end?

Maybe it would be helpful to take the next three weeks and treat it as if it will be the last three weeks of our life, and to order our decisions and the execution of those decisions accordingly. One day really will be the beginning of the last three weeks of our life, for each one of us in a unique way. Why not get some practice for that day....now??

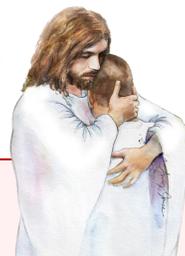
Here is some sound advice about the five things we all need to say to those we care about before we die (this is from those who work closely with those who are dying):

- 1) I love you;
- 2) I'm sorry, please forgive me (for x, y, z...be specific);
- 3) I forgive you (for x, y, z...be specific);
- 4) I am going to miss you; and
- 5) Goodbye.

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



(From Chapter Five of *Be Transformed: The Healing Power of the Sacraments* by Bob Schuchts) | 4th installment



Do you realize that the name "Christian" literally means "anointed one"? The Spirit of the Lord that remained with Jesus is also in us and upon us because the Lord has anointed each one of us to continue His missionary work. Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa explains, "Anointing is not an act, but rather a state or mode of being and behaving and, so to say, a whole style of living." That is a beautiful description of the sacraments, isn't it? Through them we are united with Jesus to share in His identity and carry out His mission. We, too, are empowered to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, release to prisoners, and to comfort all who mourn. This is how we are called to live the grace of Confirmation in our lives. It is not just an event that happened years ago but a "mode of being" and "whole style of living," today and every day.

This understanding that we all share in Jesus' anointing and mission became much more real to me about twenty years ago when a missionary team from New York City visited our parish in Florida to offer a five-day parish renewal. In preparing for the first night, the presenting team asked me if I would be willing to proclaim Isaiah 61 to start the mission. They requested I speak without a microphone as though I stood in the place of Jesus speaking in the synagogue after His Baptism. When I stood up, the church was dark, and I began to proclaim boldly: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me." As the words came out of my mouth, I felt the power of the Spirit rush through me and through the words I was speaking. I trusted that others could feel His presence, too, because the mission team asked me afterward if I would proclaim it again for the next four nights. It turned out to be an amazing experience for me personally (and I hope for others, too). Each time I stood up to proclaim these words from Isaiah 61, the message became more indelibly etched in my mind and heart. I sensed the Holy Spirit telling me, "This is not just Jesus' mission, but yours as well—and every other Christian who has been baptized and confirmed."

I invite you to allow these realities to be indelibly etched in your mind and heart. Allow the name "anointed one" to become part of your identity. If you have been baptized and confirmed, the same Holy Spirit who anointed and empowered Jesus dwells in you and acts through you. **You** are the Father's beloved. Jesus' abiding presence remains with you. You are anointed with the full power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' mission has become your mission. You are anointed to proclaim the Good News, to heal the brokenhearted, to set the captives free, and to comfort all who mourn. You don't need to worry about feeling inadequate; He has given you His own power to overcome your powerlessness.

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT SUNDAY



Saint Therese Carmelite School

Faith Academics Virtue

What is a classical curriculum? Excerpts from our 2022 WASC Self-Study, written by STCS teacher Miss Heidi Tittmann

A classical curriculum is composed of the trivium, the quadrivium, and the higher subjects... When teaching according to these stages, the students become life-long learners; are able to come to know the good, the true, and the beautiful; and can discuss them intellectually and eloquently with others. The importance of knowing these natural stages of learning is so the teachers are able to teach utilizing tools of learning according to the natural stages of their students... At Saint Therese Carmelite School, classical pedagogical methodologies are applied in the classroom according to students' natural stages of development... These methodologies have been used and tested for centuries and have been proven to produce exceptional results in the students.

STCS Flag Football Goes to Playoffs!

We are very proud of our Flag Football team for finishing second in their league division and moving on to playoffs. Well done, Saints!



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 can be picked up from and 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

Raising Cane's Dinner Fundraiser

Tuesday, November 15
1300 E Valley Blvd, Alhambra, CA 91801

Support the school and enjoy a delicious chicken dinner!

Visit Raising Cane's on Valley Blvd this Tuesday from 5-8 pm. Eat in or order to go! Be sure to mention the St. Therese School fundraiser to your cashier; this is how we earn money!



Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration & Advent Boutique

Saturday, December 10

We are looking for local artisans and merchants to sell their goods! If you are interested in selling at our boutique, please contact the school office to inquire about booking a space: (626) 289-3364



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!

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Your odds will be relatively good as we will be selling [ONLY 150](#) tickets total.



The drawing for the winner will take place on Saturday, December 10, at the Guadalupe Festival Dinner (you do not need to be present to win). 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!

Christmas Celebration for Incarcerated Youth



"For I was in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:35

Join us in bringing God's Love to incarcerated youth at Central Juvenile Hall for a Christmas Celebration! It will be on Saturday, December 10, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., at Central Juvenile Hall-Eastlake, Los Angeles.

Advance pre-registration is required with a registration form, a copy of your current Driver's License, and a COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card, all of which **must be received by November 16**. Space is limited and all volunteers must be 21 or over. For the pre-registration form and more information, please contact Sonia Macias at (323) 724-6443 by this Monday, November 14.

Coming Soon to Our Church Near You...



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: November 19 / 20

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING: Sunday, November 20

THANKSGIVING: Thursday, November 24

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Sunday, November 27

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Dec. 8

GUADALUPE FESTIVAL|BOUTIQUE: Sat., Dec. 10

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: December 20

CHRISTMAS EVE, CHRISTMAS DAY, NEW YEAR'S EVE: December 24, 25, 31

Deepening Our Relationship with the Holy Spirit

ALL are invited to join Joe Campbell and Florence Goh for this interactive program series beginning Tuesday, November 29 (the first week of Advent) 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.



Beware of Scammers!

There are people (often living in Third World countries) who create emails and/or texts using the names of one of our priests or deacons (not the actual email addresses of our clergy) and ask you to "help them" to purchase gift cards, etc. **Be assured that none of the clergy or staff of St. Therese will ever ask you to purchase anything, etc.** This scam is happening in parishes throughout our Archdiocese and the rest of the country. **If you get something like this, please ignore it. You do not need to inform us; there is nothing we can do.** They will just continue to create new fake emails in their efforts to steal money from honest people.



Lay Professionals Come to the GPS Gala!



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 next meeting is TONIGHT, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Avila Room** (enter by the Adoration Chapel).

Tonight's topic is Thanksgiving.

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. Need more info? Call (323) 360-5186 or email 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.



November 5 / 6, 2022

Unrestricted..... \$23,348.00
Restricted\$11,170.00
T O T A L.....\$34,518.00

October 8 / 9\$20,769.00
October 15 / 16.....\$10,251.00
October 22 / 23\$16,228.00
October 29 / 30\$10,472.00

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

Thanksgiving Food Drive

NEXT WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 19 AND 20, the Parish Hall will be open to receive your donations of TURKEYS and non-perishable food items. Please bring your extra grocery bags as well! These turkeys and food will be distributed on Monday evening, November 21st, to those in need who live in the surrounding area.

Please bring your donations to the Hall by 5:00 p.m., on Sunday, November 21. Deacon Gil and his team need plenty of time before Thanksgiving (November 24) to assemble the bags.



The Real St. Therese



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

Continuing Therese's February 24, 1897, letter to Belliere: "Our union, far from being broken, will be closer than ever; then there will be no more enclosure, no more grille, and my soul can fly to the remotest missions. Our roles will still be the same: for you the weapons of the apostolate, for me prayer and love.

Her last Lent began March 3, 1897. Therese's thoughts were orientated more and more towards this posthumous mission. From March 4 to 12, she made a Novena in honor of St. Francis Xavier and told Sister Marie of the Sacred Heart: "I have asked for the grace to do good after my death. I am sure now that my prayer will be granted because one obtains all that one desires through this Novena." She also prayed to St. Joseph for this intention. In the middle of Lent, a short note to Mother Agnes hides beneath the usual humorous style an announcement that was both heart-rending and happy: her affection would remain unchanged after her death: "Yes, but when I am up there, my little arm will reach very far, and my little Mother will hear about it..." To Fr. Roulland she confided that she certainly would not be going to the missions, although her superiors knew that she had the vocation for it ("the scabbard is not as strong as the sword!" She asks him to pray for her as she "was leaving this exile," and concludes: "I want to save souls and forget myself for them. I want to save them even after my death."

The Wound of Weariness

Today, I choose to fast from the wound of weariness. Have you felt weary before? Not just tired but completely exhausted of your strength, vigor, energy, and stamina? Weariness occurs when we overexert our mind, will, body, soul, and spirit. Weariness happens when there is more of us in something than is good for us. We push and push and push until there is nothing left in us. Weariness is the sad outcome of attempting to exert our own power. Our weariness can open the door to despair and disappointment. Even holy people can be afflicted by weariness. If you find yourself weary, here are a few simple tools to help break its grip on you: 1) Refresh with a change of pace or time away; 2) Connect with others; 3) Refocus on God's perspective about what is important.

Ask yourself... What types of activities make me weary? Where in my life do I feel overburdened? Then pray...

Heavenly Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I renounce weariness and repent all the ways in which I have sinned because of it. I reject weariness in every area of my life. I renounce any lies that I have come to believe, including lies such as, "I just don't have the strength" or "It's too much." Send your Holy Spirit to heal, restore, and transform me. I belong to you. I am loved by you, I am chosen by you. I am known to you. Amen.

Continues next week

From *Lenten Healing*—for sale in the parish office.

Mass Intentions

November 12 to November 19, 2022

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Yongshan Hua, RIP

Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m.: Grace George, INT

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: James McDonnell, INT

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

5:00 p.m.: Angelo Catania, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Estella M. Sanchez, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Dan Hummel, INT

8:00 a.m.: Sebastian Thottathil, INT

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

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Nicholas Solichin, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Joseph Hoang Nguyen, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Renato Villafuerte, RIP

7 p.m.: Erick Nathaniel Ogaz Arenas, B-Day INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Mark Kane, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Joseph Hoang Nguyen, RIP

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

7:00 p.m.: Jessica Alluin, INT

Thursday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Helen Hummel, RIP

8:00 a.m.: McAllister Family, INT

7:00 p.m.: Jessica Arenas, Birthday INT

Friday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Lorelei V. Sunga

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Edward Broom, OMV, INT

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Amariz Hernandez, INT

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

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

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Quiet Listening Prayer

FROM THE WAY OF PERFECTION

By St. Teresa of Avila



Without a doubt you can believe that where His Majesty is present, all glory is present. Consider what St. Augustine says, that he sought Him in many places but found Him ultimately within himself. Do you think it matters little for a soul with a wandering mind to understand this truth and see that there is no need to go to Heaven in order to speak with one's Eternal Father or find delight in Him? (Chapter 28, No. 2).

Outside the Parish

ADVENT MARKET: Shoppers! Come to the second annual Catholic Makers' Market at St. Monica's Church, 725 California Avenue, Santa Monica, on Saturday, December 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Vendors should contact them on their website at www.catholicmaker.com.

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Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

+ Armando Stephen Cano
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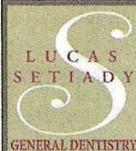
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