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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 & 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
(Tuesday's evening Mass is in Spanish).

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

Note: the daily 8:00 a.m., the Monday evening 7:00 p.m.,
and the Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses 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.

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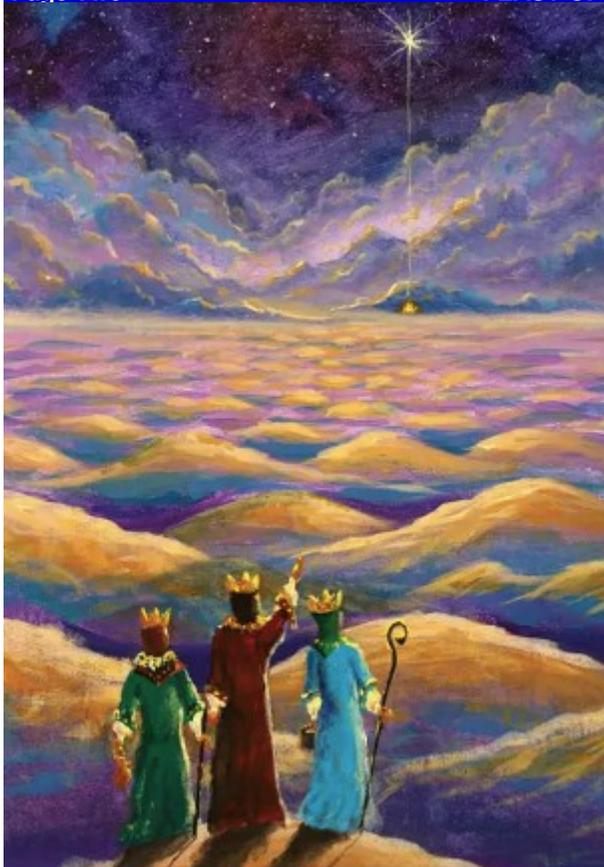
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SACRAMENTS

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



From Fr. Thomas, Pastor

**Jesus has appeared to us!!! Glorify Him!!!
Blessed Epiphany, everyone!**

Today is the main Christmas celebration for most of the Christian world. We hear of these mysterious magi or wise men coming from the East looking for the King of the Jews. Since they were most probably Gentiles, not Jews, most Christians celebrate Christmas especially today, since today is when the Glorious News of God-with-us (literally!) reached us Gentiles. And they brought gold (for a king) and frankincense (for God) and myrrh (for someone who has died or is destined to die). We, too want to worship the Lord Jesus as King, as God, and as One dying to save us.

Just in case you still haven't given Jesus a gift for His birthday, today/this week would be a really good time to give Him the gift of looking up your baptismal birthday, celebrating it each year, and most of all calling on the Holy Name of Jesus throughout the day to share everything with Him—the highs and lows—so that He can help you to mature and live out every day your baptismal vocation as priest, prophet, and king with, in, by, through, and for Jesus!

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

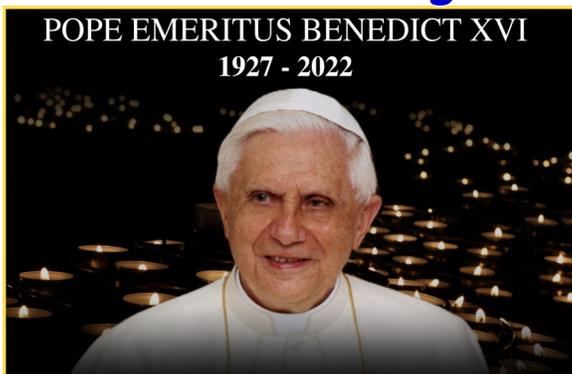
From Chapter Seven of "Be Transformed: The Healing Power of the Sacraments" by Bob Schuchts (How Holy Matrimony Heals Wounds of Fear) Fourth Installment

After class I approached the young woman (who had told the class about how her parents' divorce had affected her so negatively) to express my compassion for her, letting her know I understood a little bit of the pain of her broken heart from my own experience. But when I tried to help her see that danger of her fearful resolution not to marry and how that might further wound her and her children, she could not see what the other students saw clearly. Fear and mistrust, and her self-protective strategies, kept her from hearing the folly of her resolve.

This experience and many others like it have allowed me to have even more compassion for the millions of people who choose not to trust God's will in their intimate relationships. Many are suffering in similar ways as this young woman. You have probably heard the saying, "Hurt [unhealed] people, hurt people." This is a sobering reality. Wounds of fear and mistrust beget even more fear and mistrust, unless God's love intervenes somewhere in the process to restore security and faithfulness. I continue to hold out hope for this young woman and many others like her because I know from personal experience that Jesus is capable of breaking through these strongholds. When I am tempted to impatience with others, the Father gently reminds me that it is taking me a lifetime to allow Him to work in and through my life to restore my trust as well as my capacity to love. It took me a while to realize how much I resembled the young woman from my class. I knew I identified with her pain, but I wasn't aware how much my self-protection and self-sufficiency resembled hers.

Like her, I made internal "vows" to protect my heart when I was fourteen years old, after my parents divorced. She resolved to never marry so that she and her children would not go through that pain again. I unconsciously vowed that I would never divorce, for the same reasons. Though my "vows" seemed directly opposite to hers, we each reacted out of wounds of fear and mistrust. Deceived by the father of lies, we both believed that our "vows" (inner resolutions made out of fear) were good for us and the people we would eventually love and hope to protect from being hurt as we had been. In my deceived mind, my fearful resolution to "never divorce like my parents" seemed similar to my marriage vows, but in reality, they came from a completely antithetical spirit. I professed my marriage vows publicly through the power of the Holy Spirit. My fearful inner vows remained unspoken and hidden in darkness. My heart inwardly resolved something like this: "I will never be like my dad and divorce my wife and hurt my children."

In Memory of Pope Benedict XVI



Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Joseph Alois Ratzinger was born in Marktl am Inn, Bavaria, on April 16, 1927—Holy Saturday— and baptized that same day—the first person baptized in the new Easter water. It was a sign of blessing, he wrote in a memoir, that his life from the beginning was thus immersed in the Easter mystery. He entered the minor seminary in 1939 at the age of twelve, but his studies were interrupted by World War II, when the seminary was closed and Joseph, along with most of his class, was drafted into the army at the age of sixteen. After the war he resumed his education in philosophy and theology, and together with his brother, Georg, was ordained a priest in 1951. During the course of a twenty-year

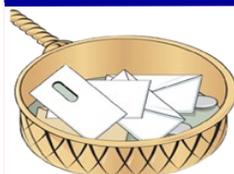
career as a professor of dogma and theology at several German universities, he earned a reputation as a gifted lecturer and learned scholar, and was present as theological advisor at all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council.

He was ordained an archbishop in May of 1977 and elevated to the College of Cardinals a month later. He settled in Rome in 1981 and went on to become one of the most influential men in the Roman curia. Of the many offices he held, he was best known as the Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, an authoritative advisor on doctrinal issues during his predecessor's pontificate. When he was elected the 265th successor of Peter in 2005 at the age of seventy-eight, he became the first German pope since Victor II in the eleventh century. A central theme of his papacy was the staunch defense of core Christian values against what he saw as moral decline across much of Europe. He also spoke out against human rights abuses and ongoing political conflicts and warfare and advocated better protection of the environment. He called for a radical rethinking of the global economy, criticizing the growing divide between rich and poor, and pressed for a “true world political authority” to oversee the economy and work for the common good.

Ever true to his episcopal motto, “Fellow Worker in the Truth,” Pope Benedict XVI's teaching and prolific writings always defended traditional Catholic doctrine and values. On February 11, 2013, Pope Benedict XVI announced that on February 28, 2013, he would resign as supreme pontiff due to his advanced age and deteriorating health and that a conclave would be convened shortly thereafter to elect a new pope. He returned to Rome and remained there as Pope Emeritus after Jorge Bergoglio succeeded him as Bishop of Rome.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

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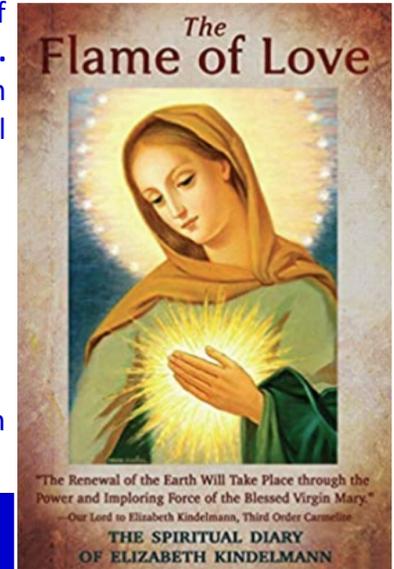
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"The Flame of Love" Consecration

The "Flame of Love Consecration: To Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary" is coming to St. Therese Church on **Candlemas Day, February 2, 2023**. The words "Flame of Love" comes from the diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann entitled, "The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary: The Spiritual Diary." In it, Our Lady promises many blessings, including:

- To blind Satan
- To save souls (especially family members)
- To save the family
- To free souls from Purgatory
- To convert the world

To be part of this amazing Movement of Grace, please register at the Church office. The Flame of Love book is available for purchase for \$10.



PREPARATION FOR THE CONSECRATION: Meet Every Monday in this month of January in the Avila Room | Guadalupe Courtyard, which is located in the Parish Offices. Two sessions are available on each of those Mondays: either 12:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. The Act of Consecration will take place at the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Candlemas Day, Thursday, February 2, 2023, and will be led by Fr. Robert Barcelos, OCD.

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One True Sentence About Classical Education

Excerpts from "Letter from the Editor Late Summer 2022: One True Sentence" by Martin Cothran

In Ernest Hemingway's book A Moveable Feast, he gives the best advice I have ever read on dealing with writer's block. He tells you to sit down, take up a pen, and write one true sentence. That's it. Just one true sentence. For example, I had writer's block as I sat down to write this article. I have written probably hundreds of articles like this one, articles taking one truth about classical education and expounding on it for about seven hundred words, but I couldn't think of anything to write about now. So I wrote a sentence that was true, and I was off to the races...

Education is the cultivation of wisdom and virtue through the study of the True, the Good, and the Beautiful, in order to develop fully formed human beings.

Saint Therese Carmelite School

Deeply rooted in Carmelite spirituality, Saint Therese Carmelite School, united with our parents who are the primary educators of their children, seeks to form students in faith, academics, and virtue through a Classical education.



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Saturday,
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The Real St. Therese



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

July 27 and 28, 1897, saw the beginning of Therese's "great suffering." Until then, Therese said that she had had "only inconveniences to put up with, not sufferings." These "inconveniences" included feverishness, coughing, perspiring, coughing up blood, and

emaciation. On the evening of Friday, July 30, was suffocating and given ether to help her breathe, but it brought little relief. At six o'clock, Fr. Maupas finally gave her the Last Sacraments. It was thought that she would not live through the night. In the next room, everything had been prepared for her imminent burial; however, the suffering was to continue until August 6. But then, contrary to all expectation, Therese's condition stabilized. Before describing it, we shall return for a moment to the period of the hemoptysis. On July 8 she was brought down to the infirmary on the ground floor. From that day she was to live in a small room five by four meters. From her iron bed, surrounded by high brown curtains on which she had pinned her favorite holy pictures, she could not see the window which looked out onto the garden. On her left was the door of the room where Sister Genevieve, the infirmarian on duty, would rest. A little further along there was another door which opened to the cloister. Between these two doors, against the wall, stood the statue of the Virgin of the Smile. Therese was full of joy at seeing it again and her gaze often rested on it. This statue, which had played such an important role in her life, would be with her now until she died.

Sister Stanislaus, the first infirmarian, and her sister Celine both bustled about her. Mother Agnes was often at her bedside. Mother Marie de Gonzague and Sister Marie of the Sacred Heart frequently came to see her. The other nuns rarely came to the infirmary, for Therese's condition hardly allowed prolonged visits. She was still getting up for two hours a day, at least on those days when she was not coughing up blood. It was no longer possible for her to write her memoirs. The last pencil-written words she wrote are "through confidence and love." She made a truly heroic effort to write to Abbe Belliere who was on holiday and who begged her help so insistently. She wrote yet another letter of farewell to Fr. Roulland on July 14, two to her family on the 16th and the 25th, as well as several notes to her sisters. The lines, written in a shaky hand, reveal her determination. Such an effort must have taken much time and courage. She read *The Imitation of Christ*, her constant companion, the Gospels, and the writings of St. John of the Cross. She spoke when it was possible for her to do so.

The Messianic Age

Though it is true that there are many God-loving Christians who do not know or believe that operating in the supernatural gifts is possible today, the good news is that it is spreading about who we are in Christ and what we can do in His name. The number of Christians in the world who believe in and experience the gifts of the Holy Spirit has seen explosive growth in the last century, especially in the last half century.



I long to see all God's children prophesying. I long to see the heartbeat of Christians resounding to the motto of the Moravians: "To win for the Lamb who was slain the rewards of His suffering!" Those rewards are not limited to salvation, but extend to healing and deliverance, miracles, signs, and wonders. Primarily through these, God has confirmed the preaching of His Gospel. It was ratified by Jesus' blood shed on the cross, but it was enacted on the Day of Pentecost, with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. It continues to be Good News because of the power of God's grace made available to all through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The prophet Isaiah foretold that one day the Messiah would come, and the way He would be known would be by the Spirit of God resting on Him, empowering Him to do mighty deeds of healing and deliverance: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prisons to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit (Isaiah 61).

The Messianic age was to be an age when God's power would be released on earth, saving people from all the tragic consequences of the Fall, resulting in uncontainable joy and gladness: "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy (Isaiah 35:5-6). From the very beginning of Jesus' mission, the Gospels show these things being fulfilled in Him.

Continues weekly

From *Spiritual Gifts Handbook*—on sale in the office

Mass Intentions

January 7, 2022—January 14, 2023

Saturday evening:

5:00 p.m.: Ebner Sobalvarro, Jr., Birthday INT

Sunday:

- *7:30 a.m. (Carmel): Sr. Therese Marie, OCD, INT
- 7:30 am: Nathan Coyle, Birthday INT
- 9:00 a.m.: Lily Edusma, INT
- 11:00 a.m.: Dominador Tugade
- 1:00 p.m.: Judy Johnson, RIP
- 5:00 p.m.: Deacon Alfred Rios, RIP

Monday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Pat Gilligan, RIP
- *7:30 am: Sr. Therese Marie, OCD, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Sofia Ruiz, RIP
- 7:00 p.m.: John Lynch, INT

Tuesday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory
- *7:30 am: Alvin Cailan, Birthday INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Stefan Hendra Rahardja, RIP
- 7:00 p.m.: Jack Lynch, INT

Wednesday:

- 6:00 a.m.: Laura Josephine Akins, RIP
- *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Anna, OCD, INT
- 8:00 am: Helen Mitropolous, INT
- 7:00 p.m.: Lorna Fuentes Rodgers, RIP

Thursday:

- 6:00 am: Eric LeClair, RIP
- *7:30 am: Sr. Anna, OCD, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Lynn DeGroot Voss, RIP
- 7:00 p.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

Friday:

- 6:00 a.m.: J. Nguyen, Birthday, INT
- *7:30 am: Sr. Faustina Marie, OCD, INT
- 8:00 a.m.: Lanay & Jerry Brostrom, INT
- 7:00 p.m.: Basilio Aquino, RIP

Saturday Morning:

- *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
- 8:00 a.m.: Nicanor Pabines, RIP

*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel.

The Carmel's Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays and major holidays.

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. Monday evening Mass are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube. Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

Quiet Listening Prayer

Sayings of Light and Love

by St. John of the Cross



85. Reflect how necessary it is to be enemies of self and to walk to perfection by the path of holy rigor, and understand that every word spoken without the order of obedience is laid to your account by God.

86. Have an intimate desire that His Majesty grant you what He knows you lack for His honor.

87. Crucified inwardly and outwardly with Christ, you will live in this life with fullness and satisfaction of soul and possess your soul in patience [Lk. 21:19].

88. Preserve a loving attentiveness to God with no desire to feel or understand any particular thing concerning Him.

89. Keep habitual confidence in God, esteeming in yourself and in your Sisters those things that God most values, which are spiritual goods.

90. Enter within yourself and work in the presence of your Bridegroom, who is ever present loving you.

Outside Our Parish

Next Sunday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m., the Los Angeles Area Baroque Chamber music ensemble KONTRAPUNKTUS (under the direction of Raymond Jacobs) will be presenting a **concert of the music of George Frederic Handel and Johann Sebastian Bach at St. Andrew's Parish** in Old Pasadena (311 North Raymond Avenue, Pasadena CA 91103).

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Deaths

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+ Michael Migliozi

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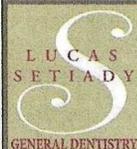
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