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"Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19).

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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

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SACRAMENTS

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Anointing of the Sick: Call the office

Letter from the Pastor Blessed 3rd Sunday of the Year and blessed Epiphany Season!!!

With another **Roe v Wade** anniversary upon us, and the barely believable truth that it was overturned on the Solemnity of John the Baptist, Preparer and Witness to the Lord Jesus Christ (June 24, 2022), we do well to pass on a few words about the unborn, their parents, the Church, and our country **from George Weigel, EPPC (June 29, 2022):**

"Prior to June 24, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court's most important civil rights decision was handed down on May 17, 1954. Then, in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, the Court declared racially segregated public facilities unconstitutional, reversing its 1896 decision in *Plessy v. Ferguson*, which upheld state-mandated segregation laws. Now, in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the Court has buried the gross errors of constitutional interpretation made in *Roe v. Wade* (1973) and *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey* (1992), the first of which invented a spurious right to abortion that was affirmed by the second.

"Roe and Casey are now consigned to the dustbin of history. The highest court of the world's pre-eminent democracy has determined that the U.S. Constitution includes no "right" to terminate the life of an unborn human being. In doing so, the Supreme Court has struck a blow for civil rights as important as the blow it struck in *Brown v. Board of Education*—a decision that at least some pro-lifers privately feared they would never see. It is good to celebrate the heroes of the pro-life cause; they fought for the truth against immense cultural and political pressures; they refused to accept the dictum of the New York Times editorial board, which, the day after Roe was issued, harrumphed and declared the abortion debate over; and they respectfully declined to follow the instruction to cease-and-desist addressed to them by the Supreme Court's plurality opinion in Casey.

"Those pro-life heroes have been, and are, Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, and secular. Permit me to mention several Catholic heroes, living and dead, whose conscientious work won the scientific, medical, philosophical, and legal arguments while creating thousands of pro-life pregnancy and maternity centers where women in crisis pregnancies can find a humane response in their immediate hour of need, and beyond. I think of then-Monsignor James McHugh, who created the pro-life office at the U.S. Bishops' Conference. Often embattled, that office became a bulwark of the pro-life movement's argumentation and advocacy, thanks to such stalwart leaders as Gail Quinn, Richard Doerflinger, Helen Alvaré, Deirdre McQuade, Amy McInerny, and so many others.

"I think of Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York, who refused to let his brother bishops flag in their pro-life advocacy when some were growing tired of the struggle. I think of public officials of both parties: Henry Hyde of Illinois, the powerful and effective leader of congressional pro-life forces for decades; Chris Smith of New Jersey, who assumed Hyde's mantle upon his retirement; and Gov. Robert Casey of Pennsylvania. I think of scholars and authors: John T. Noonan Jr., who briskly eviscerated *Roe v. Wade* in *A Private Choice*; James T. Burtchaell, C.S.C., whose Rachel Weeping is perhaps the most elegant book-length statement of the pro-life case; Richard John Neuhaus, a pro-life champion as both Lutheran pastor and Catholic priest, whose 1967 article in Commonweal—warning his liberal friends in the civil rights movement against being seduced by the "pro-choice" mantra—won a Catholic Press Association Award (those were the days); Mary Ann Glendon, whose impeccable scholarship has kept the pro-life flag flying boldly at Harvard Law School and throughout the world.

"I think of Jeanne Mancini, who, with the unflagging support of the Knights of Columbus, has built on Nellie Gray's work and made the annual March for Life bigger, more powerful, and ever more insistent that the pro-life movement is a pro-women movement. I think of the Gabriel Project, Project Rachel, and the volunteers who staff those expressions of Christian love and compassion, which demonstrate the mendacity of the charge that pro-lifers only care about babies before they're born and ignore women who've suffered the trauma of abortion" [and here in our own Parish, Catherine Contreras, Christine Lowe, Louisa Day, and so, so many others. -FTK].

"One final point as the debate over the right to life moves into state legislatures: After Dobbs, it will be harder to argue that the abortion license decreed by *Roe v. Wade* was gestated in the womb of the Declaration of Independence and latent in the concept of liberty prevalent at the American founding. Properly understood, the civil rights triumph of June 24, 2022, will help clear the ground on which the work of rebuilding a culture of life can continue—a culture that does not mistake liberty for license, a notion foreign to the founders and framers."

Just a gentle reminder that in helping people to heal from an abortion decision, the single most important thing you and I can do is to help them tell their story. That way the lid will come off of their denial and impacted grief, and the Lord Jesus can now more easily come in and heal them. Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph, —Fr. Thomas

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Women's Silent Retreat at El Carmelo

Please join the women of St. Therese Church for a Lenten Retreat at beautiful El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands (926 East Highland Avenue) from March 10 through 12. The retreat theme is "Peace and Mercy". The Single Room Rate is \$250 per person and the Double Room Rate (shared room) is \$220 per person. This year's Retreat Team consists of:



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March 10 - 12

Fr. Gerald Werner, OCD, Superior | Fr. Robert Barcelos, OCD, Retreat Director Fr. Jose Luis Ferroni, OCD | Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD

Applications can be found at the church entrances. For more information, please contact the Retreat Captain, Louisa Day, at (323) 360-5186.

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

Throughout forty years of our marriage, my wife and I have experienced many ups and downs. We have certainly been through good and bad times; we have experienced both sickness and health; we have been poor and had abundance. We have also tasted the insecurity of thinking our marriage wouldn't last, as well as the security (for us and our children) of knowing that our marriage is a sacred covenant that will last until death.

From all of these varied experiences, we have discovered a little bit more about God's faithful love toward us. Even when we are unfaithful, He has promised to remain faithful (2 Timothy 2:13). This, I believe, is a primary way that our wounds of fear and mistrust are healed. His perfect love casts out all fear (1 John 4:18), enabling us to give ourselves more freely and fully to one another through the Holy Spirit working through our Sacrament. (Continued next week)

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 14 / 15, 2023

The totals for the above weekend will be posted in next weekend's bulletin (January 29, 2023).

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Memorization in Classical Education

Excerpts from "Repetition, Memorization, Recitation" by Leigh Lowe

Memorization is the cornerstone of a traditional education...Naturally, if memorization is the goal, repetition and recitation are the complements—repetition as the preparation and recitation as the proof and the prize. We use memorization to build a foundational base of knowledge and to fill the hearts and heads of our students so they may write, speak, and think with clarity, truth, and beauty. The facts, Scripture, poetry, songs, and literary passages memorized by students are formative and life giving. They become the truths to which they will cling, the stories to which they will allude, the resources to which they will refer, and the facts with which they will persuade throughout the whole of life. The well-educated person, who has a head and heart full of meaningful knowledge, is a better writer, speaker, thinker, and servant because he or she has an overflowing font of resources within, ready for access at any time.

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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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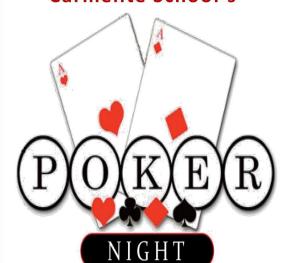
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he Flame of Love" Consecration

The "Flame of Love Consecration: To Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary" will take place here in St. Therese Church on Candlemas Day, February 2. The words "Flame of Love" come 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

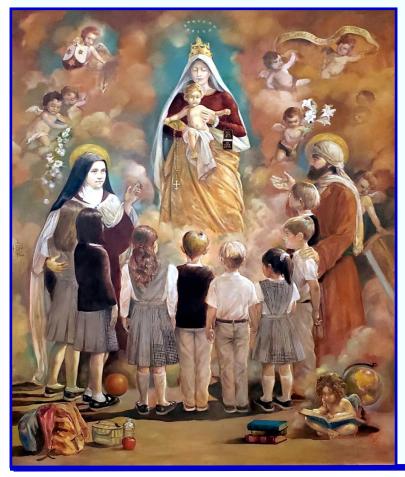
To be part of this amazing Movement of Grace, please register at the Church office. The Flame of Love book is available for purchase for \$10.

Flame of Love THE SPIRITUAL DIARY

PREPARATION FOR THE CONSECRATION: Meet Every Monday in this month of January. Two sessions are available on each of the remaining Mondays

(January 23 and 30): either at 12:30 p.m. in the Avila Room in the Parish Offices or at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. 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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The Real St. Therese



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

In the evening following this visit, Sister Marie of the Eucharist also wrote to her father: Dr. La Neele told us that the tuberculosis has reached its final stage." On Thursday the 19th, Therese received Holy Communion for the last time. She offered it for the Carmelite priest, Fr. Hyacinthe Loyson, who

the Church and married. From then on, she was deprived of the Eucharist, because she was unable to fulfil the conditions necessary for the reception of this sacrament (they were very strict at that time). Also, the long and involved ceremonial upset her nerves, and she could no longer take any more. She began coughing again. The nights became almost unbearable and seemed endless! On Friday, August 20, Therese could not hold back from crying. The next day, her diary reads: "Great suffering, suffocation, coughing." It was hard to believe that the suffering had not reached its limits, yet it was only the beginning.

B. The tuberculosis attacks the intestines |gangrene feared (August 22 - 27): The most painful period of the whole sickness then began with renewed suffering which was to last for six days. Therese was in an "excessive state of weakness." She was suffering in both her sides and her joints. She "groaned and coughed," and could hardly breathe. When she tried to speak, she had to stop between each word for breath. Sister Marie of the Sacred Heart described it in the following words: "It is a day of continual suffering." Therese knew this, writing: "People do not know what it is to suffer like this. No! They would have to experience it." She said that she had "several sicknesses altogether." Then, terrible pains began in her intestines, which were to overwhelm her with sufferings and humiliations. "Her stomach was as hard as a rock and she was no longer able to perform bodily functions except with terrible pains." The next night was the worst she had spent so far. Dr. La Neele had gone with his wife on the national pilgrimage to Lourdes, and so both doctors were absent when their presence would have been most useful. On Monday, August 23, the patient was given enemas, but to no avail. On August 24, 25, and 26, she was racked by pains that made her cry out. At each breath she suffered violently, and she could not stop herself from groaning. Nothing gave her any relief. When she was seized with a coughing spell, she thought she was sitting on "iron spikes," as two small bones had pierced her skin. It was during this period that Therese uttered her most poignant cries. They can be understood only in the context in which they were made.

Gifts of Salvation

When Mary enters the house of Elizabeth, Elizabeth hears her voice—only a greeting, not an eloquent preaching of the Gospel or an exposition of doctrine, just a greeting



from a heart overflowing with the Spirit—and the flame of the Holy Spirit seems to leap from Mary to Elizabeth, and then to the infant John in her womb. Now they, too, are filled with the Spirit and with Messianic joy.

Another immediate effect of the presence of the Holy Spirit is overflowing praise—again, just as will occur at Pentecost. Elizabeth blesses Mary for her faith and expresses wonder at this visitation of the Messiah: "And why is this granted to me that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:43). Then Mary praises God in her song of praise: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoice in God my Savior (verses 46-47).

Luke even hints at other spiritual gifts in these scenes at the beginning of his Gospel, gifts that the Spirit-filled disciples in Acts will later manifest after Pentecost. At the dawn of salvation, the charisms that Paul lists in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 are already being manifested:

- Words of wisdom: Both Mary and Elizabeth speak with wisdom about God's plan of salvation (Luke 1:42-45, 48-55).
- Words of knowledge: Before Mary sees Elizabeth, she knows supernaturally, through the message of the angel, that Elizabeth is pregnant, and Elizabeth somehow knows that Mary is the Mother of the Lord (Luke 1:36, 43).
- Faith: Mary believes the word spoken to her by the Lord (1:45).
- Healing: Elizabeth and Zechariah are healed of infertility (1:36).
- Miracles: The Son of God becomes Man, the greatest miracle in history up to this point (1:35).

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Mass Intentions

January 21, 2022—January 28, 2023

Saturday evening:

5:00 p.m.: Sharon Pippen, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m. (Carmel): Sr. Mary, OCD, INT 7:30 a.m.: Gabriela Quintana, INT 9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: All Humanity & Peace on Earth 1:00 p.m.: Shirley Sullivan, RIP 5:00 p.m.: Charles Morrow, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Laura E. Crane, INT *7:30 a.m.: Amanda Hukkanen, INT 8:00 a.m.: Chris St. Amand, INT 7:00 p.m.: Shirley Sullivan, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Shirley Sullivan, RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Amanda Amaya, INT
8:00 a.m.: Raymond Tittmann, Birthday INT
7:00 p.m.: Chris St. Amand, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Chris St. Amand, INT *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Teresa, OCD, INT 8:00 a.m.: David Salgado, RIP 7:00 p.m.: Shirley Sullivan, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Shirley Sullivan, RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT
8:00 a.m.: Chris St. Amand, INT
7:00 p.m.: Catherine Hahn Tran, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Chris St. Amand, INT *7:30 a.m.: Julia Munoz, RIP 8:00 a.m.: Shirley Sullivan, RIP 7:00 p.m.: Shirley Sullivan, RIP Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community 8:00 a.m.: Avelina Fuentes, RIP

*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel.

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Quiet Listening Prayer

The Interior Castle: The Fourth Mansion
By St. Teresa of Avila

They say that the soul enters within itself and, at other times, that it rises above itself. With such terminology, I wouldn't know how to clarify anything. This is what's wrong with me: that I think you will understand by my way of explaining, while perhaps I'm the only one who will understand myself.



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Let us suppose that these senses and faculties (for I have already mentioned that these powers are the people of this castle, which is the image I have taken for my explanation) have gone outside and have walked for days and years with strangers—enemies of the well-being of the castle. Having seen their perdition, they've already begun to approach the castle, even though they may not manage to remain inside because the habit of doing so is difficult to acquire. But still, they are not traitors, and they walk in the environs of the castle. (IV,1,2).

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