

St. Therese Catholic Church

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*Therefore if you bring
your gift to the altar
and there recall that
your brother has anything
against you...leave
your gift there at
the altar and go...*

*First be reconciled
with your brother
and then come and
offer your gift.*

-Matt 5:23-24



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 & 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.

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

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

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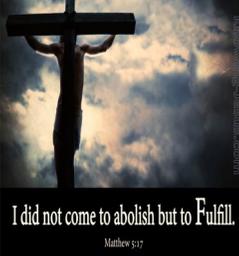
SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Register online

Weddings: Register online at least six
months in advance

• **Anointing of the Sick:** Call the office

DO not think that I came to abolish
the LAW or the PROPHETS



Letter from the Pastor

Blessed Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, everyone!

We have a very long Gospel today, about the Law of Moses and the New Law from the New Moses, our Lord Jesus Christ—which is not a doing away of the Old Law, but its fulfillment. The teaching of the Church is that the New Law not something written down, but the Person of the Holy Spirit Who guides us in real time, every moment. Below are some stories By Fr. Mark Link, S.J., around the issues of anger, kindness, and forgiveness that Jesus addresses today:

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

The actor Michael Landon was driving home one Friday afternoon on a Los Angeles freeway. It was hot, and the traffic was horrendous. Horns were blaring, tempers were flaring, and people were hurling insults at one another from open car windows. Landon asked himself why there is so much anger everywhere. Why do people hate one another so much? Why is so much energy wasted on rage? What would happen if we'd expend that energy on kindness rather than on rage? His mind went back to his own childhood and the anger that often raged between his Catholic mother and his Jewish father. Suddenly a thought flashed across his mind. Why couldn't there be a television series dedicated to the idea that kindness, not anger, is the real answer to life's problems? And at that moment, he conceived the idea for *"Highway to Heaven."*

The point of each episode of *"Highway to Heaven"* is the same point Jesus makes in His Sermon on the Mount. Jesus urged the people to show kindness to one another, even to the point of "turning the other cheek" when someone treated them unkindly. Warning those who treated others with anger, Jesus says: **"You have heard that it was said 'Whoever kills will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment."** Jesus Himself lived this message, showing kindness to sinners, showing compassion to the sick, showing mercy to His enemies. Kindness blesses the person to whom we are kind, but it also blesses us.

Michael Landon makes this point in the same article in which he tells how he got the idea for *"Highway to Heaven."* He describes an episode that happened when he was 19 years old. He had just been paid \$260 for his first acting job in a TV show called *"John Nesbitt's Passing Parade."* He says: "I felt so rich and famous that I decided to go to Beverly Hills, where I almost never went, and look at the fancy store windows." **At a toy store he saw a couple of little boys with their noses pressed against a window, looking at the toys inside.** Landon asked the boys which of the toys they liked best. One boy pointed excitedly to a wagon; the other pointed to a model airplane. Landon then took the boys inside the store and bought the toys for them. The kids went out of their minds with joy. But what surprised the 19-year-old Landon most was the thrill that he got from his act of kindness. He says: "[It was] deeper and more satisfying than anything I had experienced before. And more lasting. As you can see, here I am telling you about it 30 years later."



This brings us to an even more important point about kindness. It not only brings happiness to those involved, but can even work miracles in their lives. One of the shows in the *"Highway to Heaven"* series dealt with child cancer victims. Landon and his staff got the idea to have real-life victims play the parts. One victim was a boy named Josh Wood. His case was especially tragic because he had already lost a leg to cancer. But what bothered little Josh even more was the fact that he had a speech defect that caused him to stammer badly. People avoided talking to him. And the more they avoided talking to him, the more he stammered. Landon surprised everybody by asking Josh to audition for one of the parts, saying to the boy, "The important thing about acting is to be a good actor. [If you stammer, that's okay.] You're just a good actor who stammers." To everyone's amazement, when the boy read for the part, his stammer disappeared completely. Two years later Josh's cancer was in remission, and his stammer has never come back. Josh Wood is a living example of the tremendous power that kindness has. He is a living example of the tremendous power that is contained in a little assurance, a little affirmation. He is a living example of how kindness can work miracles.

Women's Retreat

Lost Skateboard

El Carmelo Retreat House
Redlands, California

"Peace & Mercy"

March 10 - 12

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: **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.

During a very short visit, **Fr. Thomas left his skateboard outside in front of the Parish Office building. When he came out, the skateboard was gone.** It is a one-of-a-kind gift he received, and it is irreplaceable. Although the top is black, **its underside has engraved on it the entire 23rd Psalm in the shape of a cross**, as well as some religious symbols. The person who took it may have been walking by and simply thought that the skateboard was being discarded and needed "rescuing." However, it was simply "parked" and awaiting his return when it disappeared. Fr. Thomas is asking that it be returned to the office. **NO QUESTIONS ASKED! If you know someone who has recently acquired a "new" skateboard, please find out if it fits the description above and let us know. Your help is appreciated!**

2022 Church Donation Report

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If you would like to receive an end-of-year report showing your donations for the year 2022, please send an email requesting it to 2022DonationStatement@gmail.com.



Pray & Learn

Latin Rosary with
Fr. Jacob Hsieh

Avila Young Adults is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting
Thursday Feb. 16 @ 8:30pm

Meeting ID:
824 5344 5339
Passcode: Avemaria



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.

February 4 / 5, 2023

Unrestricted..... \$14,343.00
Restricted \$ 1,145.00
T O T A L.....\$15,488.00

January 7 / 8 \$13,656.00
January 14 / 15 \$22,298.00
January 21 / 22 \$17,605.00
January 28 / 29 \$11,613.00

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





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Faith Academics Virtue

Common Core Education vs Classical Education
Excerpts from Regina Pacis Academy Website

Classical Catholic education is concerned with the art of learning, while the Common Core curriculum is focused on measuring what has been learned. Classical Catholic education employs teaching methods that invigorate learning in a Christ-centered model.

Here's what you need to know about these two teaching models and how they differ.

(Continued next week.)



Saint Therese Carmelite School's Poker Night fundraiser was a success!



We had so much fun this weekend! Thank you to all of the families, staff, and parishioners who came to share in fellowship and raise money for the school!

An especially big "Thank You" to all of our corporate sponsors who helped to underwrite this event.



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Did You Miss Our Open House? You can still tour our school! Visit:

SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com/schedule-a-tour
to schedule a visit and begin the admissions process.

Thank you for your support!



The 3rd/4th Grade class was able to raise over \$1,000 to purchase classroom supplies.

Thank you!

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"The Flame of Love"



For all those interested—including those who have not attended any of our previous cenacles—we will continue to meet every Monday. You may attend either in the afternoon or in the evening.

The afternoon session is held in the Avila Room in the Parish Offices from Noon to 1:30 p.m.; and the evening session is held in the Parish Hall from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. The Flame of Love books are available for sale in the parish offices for \$10 each. If you have any questions or want more information, please call Maria Alejandra at (626) 282-2744. When the recording comes on, enter 1 + 235.

40 Days for Life



Pasadena's Forty Days of Life will start their peaceful prayer and fasting vigil campaign on **Ash Wednesday, February 22**, and continue through Palm Sunday, April 2. We ask that you try to spend some time with us at the Pasadena Planned Parenthood facility (info below) and pray to end abortions there (bring a buddy with you!). Their busiest day for abortions is Tuesdays. **Prayer hours are daily from 7:00 AM to 7:00 p.m.** If you can, come join us in praying that all abortions be stopped.

The Vigil location is **Pasadena Planned Parenthood, 1045 North Lake Avenue**, Pasadena. Vigil hours are Monday through Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Rain or shine, come by and pray). For more info, contact Rose Curiel at (323) 528-8094 / indigorse40daysforlife@gmail.com.

Learn more at www.40daysforlife.com/pasadena.

Special dates during the 40-day vigil are:

- **February 19:** Opening Kickoff and Procession at 2:00 p.m., at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church, Altadena
 - **February 22:** Start of 40 Days for Life peaceful prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood, Pasadena
 - **March 4:** Guest Speaker Dr. Haywood Robinson (former abortionist) will speak at 5:00 p.m., in front of Planned Parenthood, Pasadena
 - **March 12:** Midpoint Rally in front of Planned Parenthood at 2:00 p.m.
- April 2:** Final Blessing and Procession at 2:00 p.m., at St. Elizabeth (St. Elizabeth's Palm Sunday Mass is at 12:00 p.m., for anyone who may be interested in attending)

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Developing
STRONG
and **ENGAGING**
Jesus-Centered
Catholic children,
one student
at a time.

- Classical Education
- Traditional Values
- Carmelite Spirituality

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THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE WAY:

Today's readings draw us into ageless depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. St. Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.

The Real St. Therese



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

The end (Wednesday, September 29-Thursday, September 30, 1897): On the morning of September 29, 1897, Therese appeared to be in agony and there was a painful rattling in her throat. From six until seven o'clock, the community gathered in the infirmary to recite in Latin the prayers for the dying. Therese was suffering atrociously, but she remained lucid and smiling. From time to time, she was given a spoonful of morphine syrup. Mother Agnes read to her some passages from the office of the day and translated for her the prayers for the dying that had been said in the morning. Dr. de Cornière visited her for the last time. Throughout the whole day she was suffocating. In the evening, Abbé Faucon heard her confession and was deeply moved. After Matins (about half past ten), the mother prioress again went in to see her and refused to let her remain alone during the night as Thérèse had asked. Sister Genevieve and Sister Marie of the Sacred Heart took turns staying with her. During that night, she prayed much to the Blessed Virgin.

On the morning of September 30, Sister Marie of the Sacred Heart went to get Mother Agnes, who was sleeping nearby. During the community Mass, the three sisters stayed with Thérèse. She was gasping for breath and, as she looked at the statue of the Virgin, said, "I prayed fervently to her! It is sheer agony without any consolation!" In the afternoon, she rallied and about half past two, to everyone's surprise, she sat up in bed, for she had not been able to do that for several weeks. According to Sister Marie of the Trinity's account: "Thérèse cried out in a voice rendered loud and clear by the acuteness of her pain: 'My God, have mercy on me! Mary, help me! My God, how I am suffering! The chalice is filled right up to the brim. I'll never be able to die!' Mother Marie de Gonzague encouraged her."

Sister Marie continued: "About three o'clock, still sitting up, she put out her arms in the form of a cross to obtain some relief, resting them on the shoulders of Mother Agnés and Sister Geneviève, who supported her. The prioress placed a picture of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on her knees. Then the community left and Mother Agnes remained with her alone. She has left us the following account: "I was alone by her side. It was about half past four. Her face changed all of a sudden and I understood it was her last agony. Mother Prioress returned and the whole Community was soon assembled. She smiled but did not speak again until just before she died. For more than two hours, a terrible rattle tore her chest.

Lenten Soup Nights

Lent will begin in **TEN DAYS** (February 22), which means **Friday Night Soup Nights will begin in TWELVE DAYS (February 24).**



Saint Therese Carmelite School will sponsor the first one... but **we need other groups to sponsor the next five.** Sponsoring entails providing the meatless meal for about 150 people and being the host for the night you choose (it also includes setting up and cleaning up).

Parish groups who sponsor can use the money for their group activities.

Call the Office (626-282-2744) if you'd like to sponsor one of the upcoming Friday nights of Lent!

Led into Temptation?

It was from the time of Jesus baptism—not before—that He began to minister in power. The Gospel of Luke tells us that after His baptism, Jesus was "full of the Holy Spirit" (Luke 4:1).



Curiously, the first thing the Holy Spirit did was lead Him into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Why would the Spirit lead Jesus to be tempted? Wouldn't it be more logical to lead Him away from the devil? The Spirit did this so that Jesus could be the model for all of His followers. To be led by the Holy Spirit means we have to resist those evil spirits that seek to deflect us from our God-given mission. And in the Holy Spirit, we have a God-given authority to defeat the enemy and break his influence. The temptations in the desert were only the beginning of Jesus' campaign against Satan. His whole mission was a work of dismantling the kingdom of darkness and liberating those who had been captive to it.

Mass Intentions

February 11, 2022—February 18, 2023

Saturday evening:

5:00 p.m.: Elayne Hoh, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m. (Carmel): The Sick, Hospital Chaplains, and Health Care Workers, INT

7:30 a.m.: Stefan Hendra Rahardja, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Heidi Tittmann, Birthday INT

1:00 p.m.: Souls in Purgatory

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Steven Jay Smuckler, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Stefan Hendra Rahardja, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Ann Kirkpatrick, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Sharon Pippin, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mei Mendez, INT

8:00 a.m.: Anthony Ramirez, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Mary Miller, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Hummel Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: David Salgado, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Megan Warren, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Steven Jay Smuckler, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Birel Ann Sía, Birthday INT

7:00 p.m.: James Green, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Mr. and Mrs. Ponet, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Sharon Pippin, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Jose Contreras, RIP

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Farrah Sía, Birthday INT

*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel.

The Carmel's Chapel is open to the public every day except

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

The Interior Castle: The Fourth Mansion

By St. Teresa of Avila

First, in this work of the spirit, the one who thinks less and has less desire to act does more. What we must do is beg like the needy poor before a rich and great emperor, and then lower our eyes and wait with humility. When through His secret paths it seems we understand that He hears us, then it is good to be silent since He has allowed us to remain near Him; and it will not be wrong to avoid working with the intellect—if we can work with it, I mean.

But if we don't yet know whether this King has heard or seen us, we mustn't become fools. The soul does become quite a fool when it tries to induce this prayer, and it is left much drier; and the imagination perhaps becomes more restless through the effort made not to think of anything. But the Lord desires that we beseech Him and call to mind that we are in His presence; He knows what is suitable for us. I cannot persuade myself to use human diligence in a matter in which it seems His Majesty has placed a limit, and I want to leave the diligence to Him. What He did not reserve to Himself are many other efforts we can make with His help, such as: penance, good deeds, and prayer—insofar as our wretchedness can do these things (IV, 3, 5).

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

+ Harry Kelsey

(Parishioner | Author | Historian)

+ William Jess Grimm

(Husband of Maggie Grimm)

+ Paula Orlando

(Wife of Philip Orlando)

+ Julia Lopez

(Centenarian)