

St. Therese Catholic Church

March 5, 2023

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

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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 (INSIDE & 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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FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: ...Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with Him. ...a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone (Matthew 17:1-3, 5-8).

ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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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

Letter from the Pastor

Blessed Second Sunday of Lent (remember, Sundays belong **to** Lent; they are not just **in** Lent). **The Second Sunday is always "Transfiguration" Sunday, because our Heavenly Father knows how much we need encouragement in the midst of often overwhelming suffering.** Here, then, is a little meditation from the *MAGNIFICAT* prayer book (that many of you use) on how the Transfiguration can help us in this Lenten season of prayer, fasting, and works of mercy:



In the book of Exodus, we encounter a curious paradox: God speaks to Moses face to face, and yet hides His face from His servant. The Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as a person speaks to a friend (Exod. 33:11), but when Moses pleads to see the Lord's glory, he is rebuffed: "You cannot see my face, for no one can see me and live" (Exod. 33:20). God makes Himself known, but He remains hidden.

Elsewhere in Scripture, a similar experience is memorably described: "Come," says my heart, "seek His face; your face, Lord, do I seek! Do not hide your face from me" (Ps. 27:8-9). A desire to see the Lord's face burns within the Psalmist. This desire is not reserved to the Psalmist, however. All are invited to share in this quest: "Seek out the Lord and

His might, constantly seek His face" (Ps 105:4). Despite the delayed response to Moses' plea, the Prophet Isaiah assures us that this longing will not ultimately be in vain: "They will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God" (Is 35:2).

In the Incarnation, the glory of the Lord becomes visible: "And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). At the same time, the glory of the Lord somehow remains hidden: "while Christ is the image of the invisible God (Col 1:13), He emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in human likeness" (Phil. 2:7). Jesus' Divine Glory was not usually apparent to those He encountered in His earthly ministry, but **on the feast of the Transfiguration we celebrate the moment in which Christ "revealed His glory in the presence of chosen witnesses and was filled with the greatest splendor in bodily form which he shares with all humanity"** (Preface). The face of Jesus, which shone like the sun at the Transfiguration, gives us a glimpse of the glory we are called to share with God in Heaven.

Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph, —Fr. Thomas of the Trinity, OCD

Annual Fr. Jerome Appeal for the Carmelite Nuns



Please help support our Cloistered Carmelite Nuns in Alhambra! In each pew you will find PINK ENVELOPES. Just place your donation in one and drop it in the regular

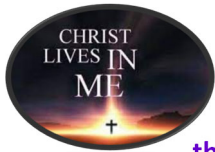
collection. All donations will help with the nuns' daily needs and with the maintenance of their monastery.

You are invited to join them for their daily 7:30 a.m. Mass (Monday through Saturday). To **REQUEST PRAYERS** from them... Call: (626) 282-2387 | Visit: 215 East Alhambra Road | Email: TeresaCarm1913@gmail.com | Website: www.CarmelTeresa.org (Click Contact Us and then Prayer Requests).

The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary was founded to financially assist the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns. If you have thought about joining but don't feel you have the time, **consider becoming a Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary ASSOCIATE!** You will receive minutes from each meeting and act as a resource to the Auxiliary with fundraising and other special projects. The time commitment is flexible!

If you're interested in becoming an Associate, please email Jessica Morgan at jessica.morgan@gmail.com. Thank you and we look forward to a successful year!

Life in Christ



It can be hard to grasp that the God of glory and power and undying love is always with us. Truly, this is one of the great mysteries of our Christian faith. Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we are reminded of the life that is brought to light in Christ.

The very life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus is evidence of the determination of God to love us through it all. Not only is Jesus proof of God's love, Christ's very presence with and within us is an outpouring of that love.

This Lent, take time to listen to the Lord and allow what you hear to help you turn away from sin and toward the life and immortality of the Christian disciple.

Schedule for Lent

SOUP NIGHTS: Every Friday in Lent we have **Soup Nights** in the Parish Hall from **5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** (donations accepted).

The next Soup Night on **March 10th** will be sponsored and hosted by Margaret Blackwell &

Family and Friends, followed by: **March 17th**, the Knights of Columbus; and **March 24th & 31st**: Margaret Blackwell & Family and Friends

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Also on the Fridays of Lent we have the Stations at 7:00 p.m.

THE DAILY CELEBRATION OF MASS: Mass is celebrated Monday through Friday at 6:00 and 8:00 a.m., and at 7:00 p.m. Consider making daily Mass a part of your Lenten observation.



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.

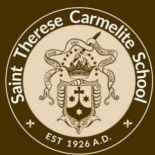


February 25 and 26, 2023

Unrestricted..... \$19,391.00
Restricted \$ 310.00
T O T A L.....\$19,701.00

January 28 / 29 \$11,613.00
February 4 / 5 \$15,488.00
February 11 / 12 \$21,737.00
February 18 / 19 \$10,509.00

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



Saint Therese Carmelite School

Faith ✦ Academics ✦ Virtue

Common Core Education vs Classical Education (*Excerpts from Regina Pacis, Academy Website*)

Apples and Oranges

Frankly, comparing Catholic classical education and the Common Core curriculum is like comparing apples and oranges. Yes, they are both educational curriculum models, but that is where the similarity ends. For some parents, the Common Core is a choice they are willing to make for their children. Other parents just want something a bit more grounded in proven effectiveness. Many Catholic schools are moving away from a modern curriculum that is largely unproven and returning toward a classical model of education.

As a parent, one of the most critical decisions you will ever make for your child is where he will receive his education. Catholic education has a well-earned reputation for being the superior option. Graduation rates are higher, as the number of graduates that go on to a four-year university is higher for students educated in the Catholic tradition. You can decide to educate your child in the proven Catholic classical curriculum or take a chance with Common Core.



The school will be hosting a Spring Rummage Sale on **Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Items may be donated to the school April 24-28 only.

All items must be clean, new or gently used, and in good working condition. Items **MUST** be dropped off; pick-up is not being offered for this sale.

Spring Shadow Days

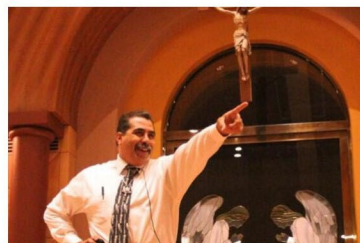
Interested in applying to Saint Therese Carmelite School? We will be hosting Spring Shadow Days for all grades on Wednesday, March 22, and Thursday, March 23. Call our office today to sign up!



Parent Formation Nights

"Atheism, Pornography, and Marijuana"

With Jesse Romero, Catholic Author, Radio Host, & Evangelist
Thursday, March 23, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall



"Awake or Woke: Care of Our Souls Amidst a Culture War"

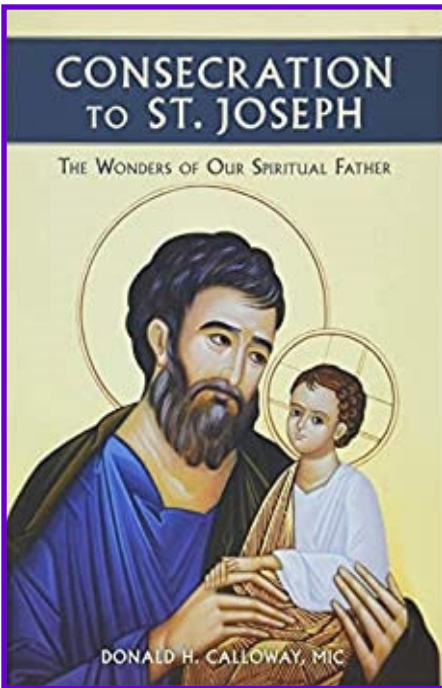
With Fr. Robert Barcelos, O.C.D.

Wednesday, April 19, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall
Due to fraudulent ticket purchases, this event is now password-protected. Please call the school office to obtain the password.



Visit SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com/ParentFormation to RSVP.

Consecration to St. Joseph



The next consecration to St. Joseph will be on Monday, March 20th. If you would like to make this consecration, you are invited to join us at our next preparation gathering on Wednesdays, March 8 and 15, at your choice of either Noon or

5:00 p.m. Both times will be held in the Guadalupe Courtyard/Avila Room (please enter through the adoration chapel doors). You will need the book, Consecration to St. Joseph, by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, which can be purchased in the office for \$15. For more info, call Maria Alejandra at (626) 993-4236 or email her at trinity1lord@yahoo.com.

"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.

Both cenacles are held in the Avila Room in the Parish Offices—

afternoons from Noon to 1:30 p.m.; evenings 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 continue through **Palm Sunday, April 2**. Please spend some time with us in front of the **Pasadena Planned Parenthood facility** (info below) and pray to end abortions there and everywhere (bring a buddy with you!). PPP's busiest day for abortions is Tuesday. 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 / indigorose40daysforlife@gmail.com.



Learn more at

www.40daysforlife.com/pasadena.

Special dates during the 40-day vigil are:

- **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 Real St. Therese



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

For six months Therese suffered from a fever which fluctuated. Sometimes her back was “burning like fire.” At the same time she was perspiring so much that she became dehydrated. “Last night, before her vomiting spell, she was perspiring so much that her pillows were soaked through, and we had to change her clothes. During the night she perspires so profusely that her mattress is soaked right through.” As a consequence, “she suffered continually from thirst.” But to mortify herself, she still did not ask for that extra drink: “If I listened to myself, I would drink too often.”

Therese suffered frequently from nausea, often losing her meals, even before she became bedridden. When the hemoptysis began and she could not get sufficient nourishment, the doctor prescribed milk. But, by an unfortunate circumstance, Therese had never liked milk. She could not digest it. Yet, starting on July 3, 1897, she had to take a kind of condensed milk which she found even more repugnant. She forced herself to take it, but usually could not keep it down.

However, courage was never lacking. When Mother Agnes asked her if she would drink a cup of it to save her life, Therese drank it down in one gulp! On August 23, this trial finally ended: “We’ve stopped giving her the famous milk diet. It’s impossible to push it any further. The poor little thing believes she is being poisoned, and it required courage like hers not to have said this before. We were only noticing her very great repugnance whenever she drank it.” Therese had kept to that diet for sixty-nine days. The remedies of her day were no more attractive than the milk diet. Despite the fact that the “Elixir of Huxan” looked like “a delicious red-currant liqueur,” it was a very bitter medicine to take. We shall not go into details about the “snail syrup,” which was one of dear old Sister Stanislas’ somewhat dubious concoctions: “As long as I can’t see their horns,” Therese said, drinking it with a laugh.

As the tuberculosis spread through the lungs, Therese suffered pains first in her right shoulder and arms, then in her left side. Let us not insist on “the cough” which, nonetheless, contributed in no small measure to her physical and moral sufferings of the months before the illness became “official.” It continued after she had been confined to bed, exhausting her day and night, especially when it was combined with intestinal pains. She suffered then in her whole body, except her hands. And when the coughing fits brought on crises of suffocation, she passed through some terrible moments.

Dependent on the Holy Spirit

Significantly, the first thing the devil said to Jesus was, “If you are the Son of God....” (Luke 4:3). Yet just a short time earlier, God had said, “You are my beloved Son (Luke 3:22). Satan was seeking to undermine the very truth that God the Father had just affirmed. If he could get Jesus to



doubt His identity as the beloved Son, then he could get Him to strive to prop up His own status with impressive acts of power. And that, in turn, would ruin the Father’s plan. It is the same tactic the devil uses with all of us who are Christ’s disciples. He seeks to undermine our identity so he can derail our destiny.

Jesus resisted that demonic attack not by His divine omnipotence, but in His human nature, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. As Lawrence of Brindisi, a saint of the sixteenth century, put it: “Christ came into the world to do battle against Satan. He could have accomplished this by using the weapons of His might and coming as He will come to judge, in glory and majesty... **But so that His victory might be the more glorious, He willed to fight Satan in our weak flesh.**

Jesus resisted these and other temptations, continually refusing to use the power of the Holy Spirit for His own glory or self-preservation. The power of the Spirit was for ministering the Father’s love to His people, especially the poor, the sick, and the marginalized. As Jesus said in the Gospel of John, “I have come down from Heaven, not to do my own will but the will of Him who sent me” (John 6:38). In so doing, He became the model for all His future disciples in their exercise of the gifts of the Spirit.

After Jesus resisted the temptations, He went “in the power of the Spirit” into Galilee to begin His ministry of teaching, healing, and liberating the oppressed (Luke 4:14). **Although He is God, He chose to live as a man, dependent on the Holy Spirit.**

The Real Therese will continue next week.

Pray the Rosary!

Mass Intentions

March 4—March 11, 2023

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: The Taylor Family, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m. (Carmel): All Humanity, INT

7:30 a.m.: Cheah & Goh Families, INT

9:00 a.m.: Albert Marikian, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Monica Grimm, Birthday INT

1:00 p.m.: Benjamin Teng, INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6 am: Mary Ruth Rheinschild, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Steven J. Smuckler, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Charlie Kirkpatrick, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Maria Alejandra de Jesus, Birthday INT

Tuesday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Maria Alejandra de Jesus, INT

8:00 a.m.: Liam Joseph Coyle, Birthday INT

7:00 p.m.: Jonathan Pulida, Birthday INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Mary Ruth Rheinschild, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Steven Jay Smuckler, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Jason Heins, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Franklin & Hong Teng, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Danny Kirkpatrick, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Steven J. Smuckler, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Frank Matranga, INT

7:00 p.m.: Mary Ruth Rheinschild, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Philip Cronin, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Steven Jay Smuckler, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Mary Ruth Rheinschild, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Larry Cikowski, RIP

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Balfour Alexander Wong, 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

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



But as I said elsewhere, the reason why in this kind of prayer—that is, the kind that is like the flowing spring in **which the water does not** come through aqueducts—the soul restrains itself or is restrained is its realization that it doesn't understand what it desires; and so the mind wanders from one extreme to the other, like a fool unable to rest in anything.

(I am referring to the kind of prayer this dwelling place began with, for I have joined the prayer of recollection, which I should have mentioned first, with this one. The prayer of recollection is much less intense than the prayer of spiritual delight from God that I mentioned. But it is the beginning through which one goes to the other; for in the prayer of recollection, meditation, or the work of the intellect, must not be set aside.)

The will has such deep rest in its God that the clamor of the intellect is a terrible bother to it. There is no need to pay any attention to this clamor, for doing so would make the will lose much of what it enjoys. But one should let the intellect go and surrender oneself into the arms of love, for His Majesty will teach the soul what it must do at that point. Almost everything lies in finding oneself unworthy of so great a good and in being occupied with giving thanks (3, No. 8).

Personal Ad

Lady seeks a female roommate for a 2-BR apt in Pasadena. \$850/month + utilities and a \$500 deposit. Covered parking provided. Contact Connie at (626) 316-6281.