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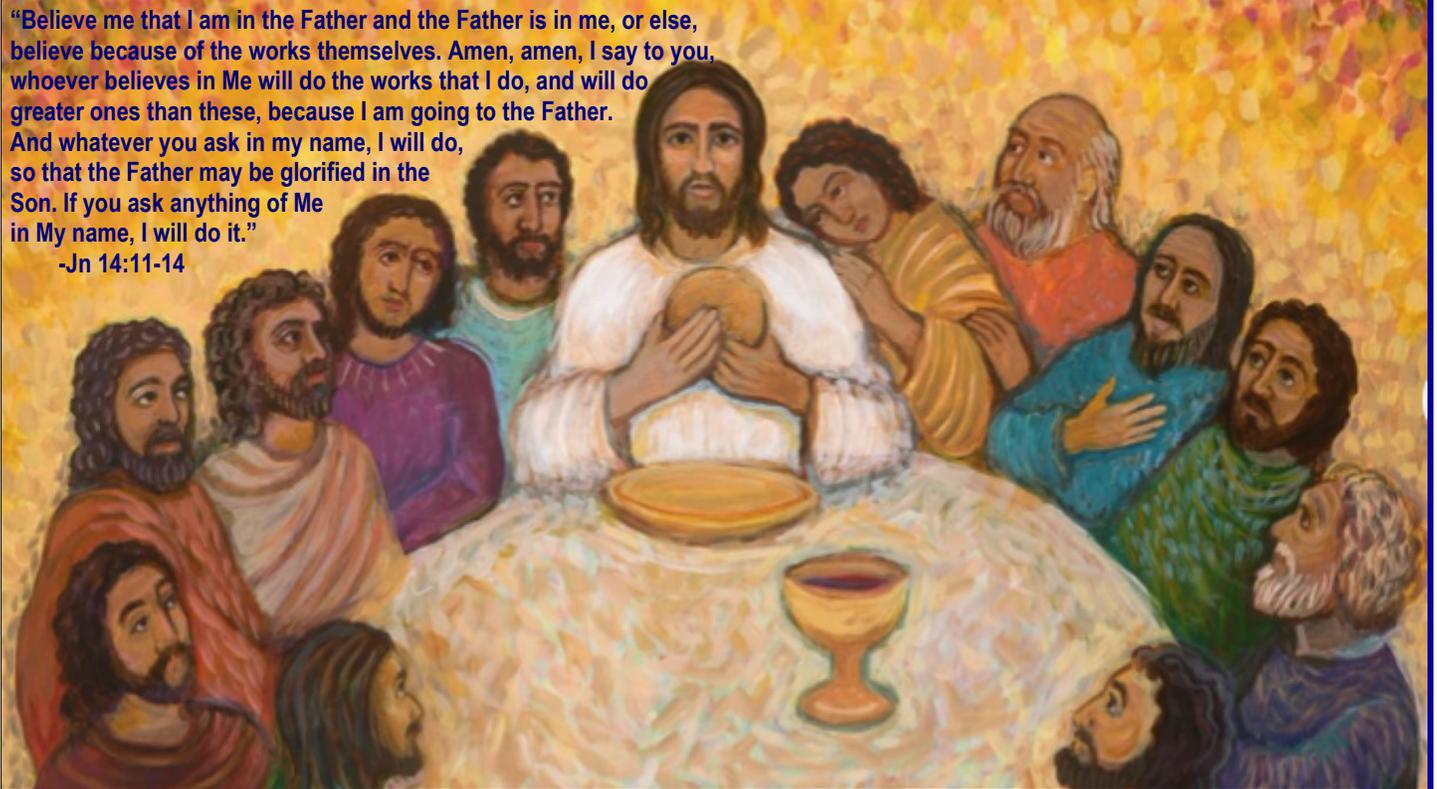
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"Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of Me in My name, I will do it."

-Jn 14:11-14



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

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



Letter from Fr. Thomas, Pastor

Jesus is risen! Blessed Fifth Sunday of Easter, everyone!

We are continuing to grow in our baptismal identity during this Easter season, and the unity in difference in the Lord Jesus that flows from that. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free...for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal 3:28).

And so, we are having a **MINISTRY FAIR** today (in front of the church after the morning Masses), and again in two weekends (May 21st), to help you to get more familiar with the various ministries available in our Parish. We are also having a **CALLED TO RENEW** reception today (see bottom of page), to give you a chance to become more familiar with our Archdiocesan and Parish Capital Campaign and to consider making a gift or pledge.

Today, our Lord Jesus promises us Heaven: "I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also" (John 14:3). **Below are some thoughts by Dr. Peter Kreeft on "Heaven":**

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

"Is Heaven Serious or Funny? The very distinction is too funny to take seriously. The distinction between humor and seriousness is strictly earthly. Here on earth, much humor is "comic relief" from the grim business of "real" life. But in Heaven, humor is high seriousness. It is the inner secret of God and the blessed. Even on earth, saints play with their lives in the most outrageous way. St. Thomas More ended his life with a bad joke, telling the axman, "Please do not chop my beard in two; IT has not committed treason." Jesus has the most perfect sense of humor of all. We do not often see it, because we think of humor as jokes. But the most perfect humor is in the very situation itself, especially irony, the contrast between appearance and reality. "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone" at her is irony. It could be more clumsily and directly rendered, "You judgmental fools are worse than that adulteress—taking out splinters with logs in your eyes." It is the same irony as Pilate's "What is truth?," as Truth stands in front of him.

Jesus is our best indicator of Heaven, and if there is humor in Jesus, there is humor in Heaven. Jesus is the manifestation of the Father, and if there is humor in the personality of the Son, there is humor in the personality of the Father. For some reason, people think of the Persons of the Trinity as lacking personality, as nebbishes. In fact, the three fullest personalities in all reality are the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. They are characters! They designed ostriches, for goodness' sake (literally). And—supreme joke—us. Many of the resuscitated perceive and share Heavenly humor, even God's laughter at repented and forgiven sins. We can laugh only when we are free, detached. The saint can laugh at life in his martyrdom, and once freed from sin (but not until then), we can laugh even at sin in Heaven. Detachment is necessary for humor. And in Heaven there is perfect detachment, even from self (ek-stasis, "standing-outside-oneself"). Therefore, in Heaven there is perfect humor.

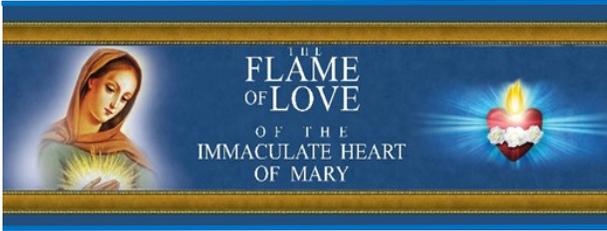
The saint and the clown share the secret of levity, the union between the two meanings of "light": truth (opposite of falsehood and darkness) and levity (opposite of gravity and heaviness). Saints levitate! Body follows spirit. But Heavenly humor is not the opposite of seriousness, only of joyless seriousness. Saints, mystics, and the resuscitated take life more seriously than others do. Everything gains an infinite importance, an "eternal weight of glory". Joy is a serious matter—too good to be wasted on jokes. The saint does not usually tell jokes, because he does not need to, to relieve the joylessness, to relieve sadness, to distract from the heavy, practical world. "Joy is the serious business of Heaven." (From *Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Heaven ... but Never Dreamed of Asking*, By Peter Kreeft | 1990 | First Edition, pp. 47–49 | Ignatius Press)

"CALLED TO RENEW" Reception

You are invited to a reception for our Archdiocesan **CALLED TO RENEW CAMPAIGN TODAY** after the 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. Masses. It will take place at the **front and parking lot side entrances of the church**. This reception will give you an opportunity to talk to Campaign Team members and to prayerfully consider how the Lord might be calling you to contribute financially/spiritually to this important event in the life of our Parish and of our Archdiocese. We hope to see YOU there!



The Flame of Love: The Greatest Gift of Grace for Our Time



Essential Prayer #3 - The Flame of Love Hail Mary: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee, blessed are Thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, **spread the effect of grace of Thy Flame of Love over all of humanity**, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Many people feel uncomfortable at the beginning of this practice to include the Flame of Love petition in the Hail Mary, until we understand that this has come from Our Blessed Mother through her Son and is her gift for us at this crucial time. When a bishop asked why this should be done, Jesus explained, **“Because of the Holy Virgin’s efficacious pleas, the Most Blessed Trinity granted the outpouring of the Flame of Love. For her sake, you must place this prayer in the Hail Mary” (February 2, 1982). “Through this prayer, Satan will be blind, and souls will not be led into sin.”** Our Lady said: **“Whoever prays three Hail Mary in honor of My Flame of Love delivers a soul from Purgatory. Whoever prays one Hail Mary in honor of My Flame of Love during the month of November, delivers 10 souls from Purgatory.”**

Join the Cenacle: Two cenacle sessions are available every Monday in either the Avila Room or Lisieux Room. One from Noon to 2:00 p.m., (Avila Room); the other one from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. (Lisieux Room).

The Flame of Love books are available for sale in the Parish Offices. If you have any questions, please call Maria Alejandra at (626) 282-2744. When the recording comes on, enter 1 + 235.

FR. BROOM'S TALKS ON THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Fr. Ed Broom will return to St. Therese Church to give talks on the ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

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The remaining three talks are on **Thursday evenings, May 11, 18, and 25**, beginning with Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by the talks at 7:15 p.m. each night

Small Groups will follow at 8:15 p.m.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! To do so, send an email to 2023ActsTherese@gmail.com.

CARMELITE AUXILIARY SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns’ Auxiliary was founded to financially assist the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns. It



takes many hands to put on the fundraising events. **If you have thought about joining but don’t feel you have the time, then 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.



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AN EXCERPT FROM FR. THOMAS KOLLER'S LETTER IN THE BULLETIN OF MARCH 12, 2023

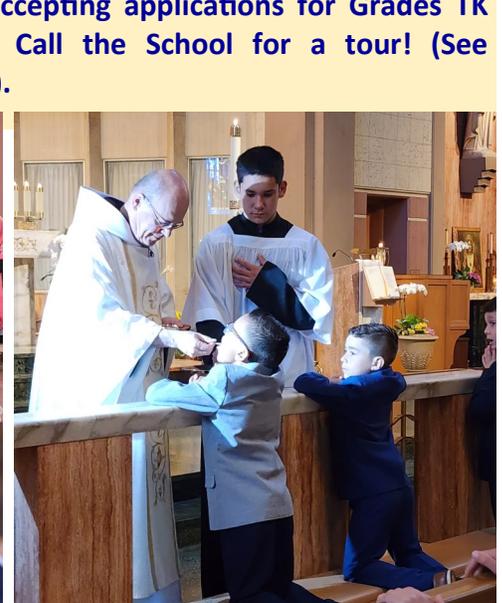
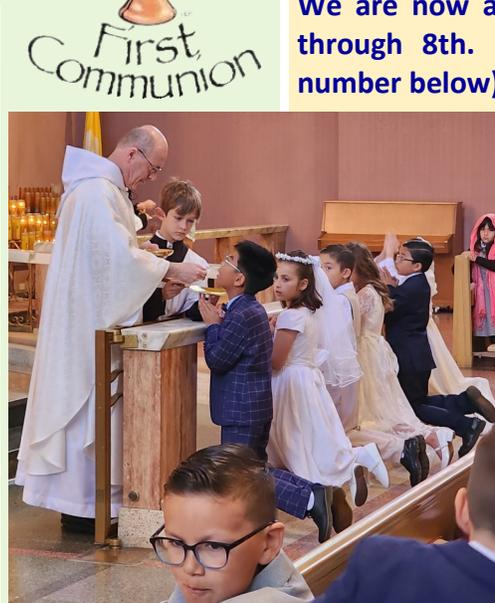


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First Communicants

Congratulations ...

...to our Second Grade Class who received their First Holy Communion last **Sunday, April 30!** May you always follow Jesus by being good and faithful disciples!



First Communion

Spring Concert

Everyone is invited to our annual Spring Concert on

Thursday, May 25, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall.

The students will be performing songs from Disney musicals as well as songs by the Beach Boys.

DON'T MISS IT!



Open Enrollment

We are now accepting applications for Grades TK through 8th. Call the School for a tour! (See number below).

Mother's Day Baby Bottle Drive



GPS-Guadalupe Pregnancy Services is having its annual Mother's Day Baby Bottle & Baby Shower Outreach THIS weekend, May 6 and May 7.

The Baby Bottles will be distributed after the Masses so you may take one home and start filling it with cash, checks, and change. **Then, on Saturday, May 27, and Sunday, May 28, the filled Baby Bottles will be collected by GPS volunteers** outside the church at all the Masses. Remember to bring yours with you that day!

GPS will also collect Baby Shower Gifts for baby and moms. A Pac n' Play crib will be available both weekends to place your donations of the following baby items: blankets, diapers (sizes newborn, 5 & 6), sippy cups, baby bottles, pacifiers, bibs, socks, teething toys, hard cover books, new clothes (sizes newborn to size 3T (boys/girls), toiletries; shampoo, lotion, powder, etc., and other baby essentials.

Donations of essentials for moms will also be collected: feminine hygiene products, gently used or new maternity clothes, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. **THANK YOU FOR THINKING OF OTHERS!**

**Thank you for helping
this important
Prolife Outreach!**



The Real St. Therese

We must not forget those "pinpricks" which, either directly or indirectly through a second person, still wounded St. Therese while she was in the infirmary. She was not unaware that "certain sisters did not share the sentiments of the



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

'Martin clan'". On May 19, 1897, she confided that she felt these "little pains very sharply" and told Mother Agnes of some painful humiliations certain sisters had given her. Certain conversations were repeated to her; for instance, she was told that Sister Saint-Vincent de Paul, dis-edified at Therese's refusal to take some broth, had said to another nun: "Sister Therese of the Child Jesus is NO saint!; she is not even a good religious." Another sister came and said to her: "If you only knew how little loved and appreciated you are here!" The humiliation was then redoubled by the cruel naïvete of the one who had relayed those words to her! And above all, there was Mother Marie de Gonzague's difficult temperament, which must have tried Therese most. Mother Agnes has left us this incident: "On several occasions, Therese was made to feel Mother's jealousy, which flared up because the novices often went to the infirmary to visit Therese. Just a few days before she died, Mother Marie de Gonzague spoke to her so coldly and made her visits so brief that Sister Therese of the Child Jesus asked one of the novices: "Do you know what I have done to upset our Mother?" "I know," replied the novice, "I did not wish to tell you, lest I caused you pain. Our Mother has noticed that I love you very much and that I am very happy when I can come and see you. She said to me: "If I had known of your close ties with Sister Therese of the Child Jesus and how she suffices for you in everything, I would not have worried about you." Sister Therese of the Child Jesus replied simply to the novice, "Ah! That's the reason! Thank you."

Continues next week, space permitting.

The Seasonal Marian Hymns Used at Mass



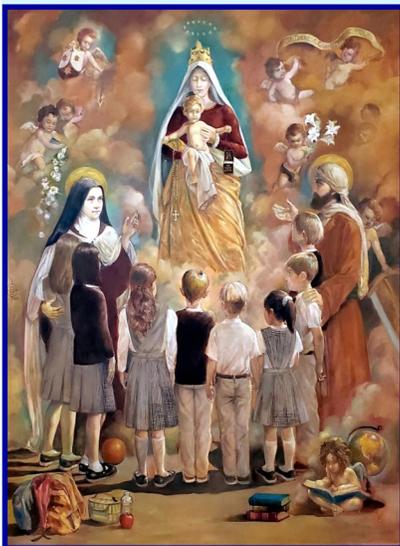
Alma Redemptoris | Ave, Regina Caelorum | Regina Caeli | Salve Regina

Ever wonder why and when we change from using one of the above four hymns to another at the end of our Sunday Masses? It's a very traditional Carmelite practice going back to the 12th Century. Here's how it works: **Alma Redemptoris (#85 in our Pew Missal) is sung from the First Sunday of Advent through the Feast of the Purification, known as Candlemas, on February 2.** **Ave Regina Caelorum (# 96 in our Pew Missal) is sung from the Sunday after Candlemas until the Easter vigil.** **Regina Caeli (# 234) is sung from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday, which this year is May 28.** **Then we switch to Salve Regina (# 236) from the Sunday after Pentecost, which is Most Holy Trinity Sunday, until just after Thanksgiving when Advent begins.** Then, just to throw us off a bit, especially on **July 16, the Feast day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the priests may decide to sing the "Flos Carmeli,"** which is Latin for "Flowers of Carmel" written by the 13th century Carmelite, St. Simon Stock. You can see the lyrics (but not the notes) in the front of your pew Missal. One nice feature you may have noticed in that handy Pew Missal is that all of the songs are in alphabetical order, so if you didn't hear the song number announced, you can easily find it.

For more information about this, check out the great article at <https://adoremus.org/2007/09/singing-the-four-seasonal-marian-anthems>, which explains the significance of each melodic chant.

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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.



April 29 / 30, 2023

Unrestricted..... \$13,453.00
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Mass Intentions

May 6—May 13, 2023

Saturday Evening:

8:15 p.m.: Linda Morey, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: (Carm): All Humanity

7:30 a.m.: Ellena Cheah Wong, INT

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Leonel Salgado, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Irene Grimm, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Virgil Odone, Birthday INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Martino Nguyen Dinh Thao, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Maria Nguyen Thi Thanh Van, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Edward Grobarek, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Maria Nguyen Thi Thanh Van, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Maria Teresa Janet Nguyen, INT

7:00 p.m.: Carmina & Julius Doria, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Maria Teresa Janet Nguyen, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Julia Munoz, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Alicia Maria Guadalupe, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Martita Lopez, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Maria Teresa Janet Nguyen, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: All Souls in Purgatory

7:00 p.m.: Virgil and Maria Odone, Anniv, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Florence Goh, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Joseph Jack Ren, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Gonzalo and Daisy Torres, RIP

7:00 p.m.: All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community INT

8:00 a.m.: Hermine Tittmann, RIP

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel. The Carmel's Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays and 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

There could also be some persons with such weak heads and imaginations—and I have known some—to whom it seems that everything they think about they see. This is very dangerous. Because I shall perhaps treat of it later on, I'll say no more here. I



I have greatly enlarged upon this dwelling place because it is the one which more souls enter. Since it is, and since the natural and the supernatural are joined in it, the devil can do more harm. In those dwelling places still to be spoken of, the Lord doesn't give him so much leeway. May His Majesty be forever praised! Amen (IV, 3, 14).

Outside the Parish

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT JUNE 13-21, 2023, WITH FR. HUY NGUYEN: From the beautiful dream of Mother Angelica to the beautiful Shrine in Hanceville, Alabama!. Experience the Pope St. John Paul II Eucharistic Museum, procession to the Lourdes Grotto, spiritual talks by the Friars, Healing Service, with a visit to EWTN and so much more. **For more info contact Albert and Mary Helen Estrada at (626) 533-4839. ONLY 6 spots still open!**

Come join the Carmelite Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of St. Therese of Lisieux & St. Elizabeth of the Trinity," from Sept 28-Oct 11, incl Paris, Lourdes, Ars, etc. Chaplains are Fr. Mark Kissner, OCD, and Fr. Joseph Mary Tran, OCD. Contact Beth Maddatu at (408) 903-6305 | maddatubeth2@gmail.com.

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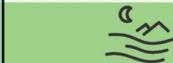
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