

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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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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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page



## SACRAMENTS

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

# Letter from Fr. Thomas, Pastor

**Blessed Trinity Sunday, everyone!**

One of the least talked about truths of the Most Holy Trinity is the fact that no one could EVER, EVER figure out that God is One God and Three Persons. Therefore, since these Three Persons did in fact reveal it, it proves HOW MUCH THEY LOVE US. How so? Well, when you reveal your deepest secret to someone, it shows how much you cherish and trust that person. And, besides the Incarnation and the Second Person becoming fully man, this really is the deepest secret of God. So, please let yourself be loved by Them; hopefully, you will give yourself time this week especially to meditate and chew on this incredible Truth!

Since last week's bulletin came out a little late and some people perhaps didn't get a chance to read it, I would like again to congratulate all of you who were confirmed last Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. Mass!!! Thanks to a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you—and all of us with you!—have been renewed in our identity as beloved sons and daughters of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. And with that deepening of our primary relationship, we can all go out and fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20): to go to ALL nations with ALL teaching/truth for ALL time, until Jesus comes again (we heard Jesus say this on Ascension Thursday).

And let us not forget that as children of our Heavenly Father Whose will is to share with us His Kingdom—a Kingdom of justice, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17)—He will work signs and wonders through each of us to help people believe us when we go out to others and speak of Jesus and His Church. Yes, Jesus encourages us to just go out and speak to others about Him and our experiences with Him, and to offer to pray with them in their various needs and sufferings.

Speaking of joy in the Holy Spirit, please consider putting this on your calendar: our PARISH BROOMBALL GAME on Friday, June 16, from 10:15 to 11:15 p.m., at the Pasadena Skate Center. It's broomball, not ice hockey, so, no skates, no hockey sticks, no hard puck, just tennis shoes, and they provide the brooms and rubber ball and nets. You can also use your feet, as in soccer. Bringing a helmet is advisable, although not mandatory. (You will have to sign a waiver before being allowed onto the ice.)

**THANK YOU BLESSED TRINITY** for adopting us into Your Trinitarian Life of Love and Joy.

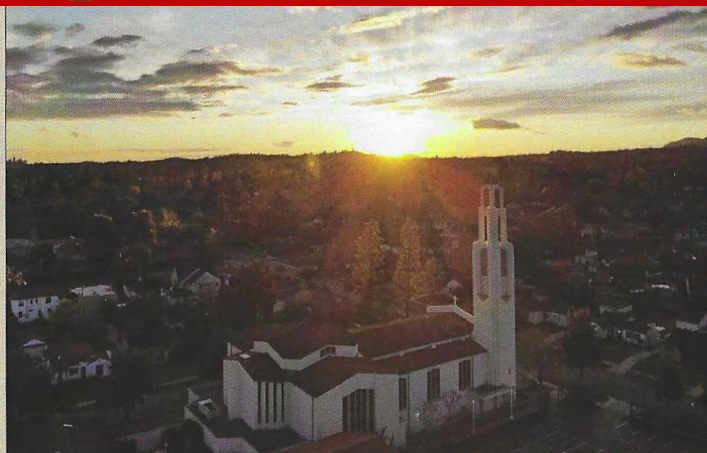
**Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph, —Fr. Thomas of the Trinity, OCD**





# Saint Therese Carmelite School

Faith ✠ Academics ✠ Virtue



## WHY IS SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL UNIQUE?

- Parochial school in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles offering a rigorous Classical education
- Like the archdiocese, Saint Therese Carmelite School has a diverse population
- Students learn Carmelite prayer and spirituality directly from the friars
- Saint Therese Carmelite School has Carmelite friars teaching in the classrooms
- Tuition is affordable
- Scholarships and financial aid available
- The younger students enjoy the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 100% of staff and 98% of students are practicing Catholics
- Students attend weekly Mass
- Students have access to frequent confession
- School is united with parents who are the primary educators of their children



## Open Enrollment

We are now accepting applications for Grades TK through 8th. Call the School for a tour! (See the contact info at the bottom of this page.)

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



## Living in the Flame – Exercises of Love:

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**Daily:** 1) Renew and live your Consecration to Jesus through Mary; 2) Pray the Rosary with the Flame of Love Petition; 3) Wear the Brown Scapular and Miraculous Medal; 4) Offer your daily duty for souls with and through Mary. **Weekly:** Fast on bread and water for souls and make night vigils for reparation for souls, according to the “Weekly Agenda” from the Diary. **Monthly:** Make the First Saturdays of Reparation. **Other:** Join or start a Flame of Love Cenacle.

If you are doing only one of these exercises of love, do not be disheartened. Simply ask Our Lady to help through the Flame of Love of Her Immaculate Heart. With Her help, you will soon reorient yourself to increase the number of loving exercises to several or to all, grow in love for the Holy Trinity, and obtain the Greatest Gift of Holiness.

**Join the Cenacle:** Two cenacle sessions are available every Monday. One from Noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Avila Room, the other, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., in the 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 begins, enter 1 + 235.

## Raffle for Father's Day (June 18)

Buy a ticket for an opportunity to win this beautiful “Sleeping Joseph” statue.

**Tickets are \$3 each, \$5 for two, or \$10**

**for five** (they are available at the Religious Goods counter after the weekend Masses or in the Parish Office Monday through Friday). The winning ticket will be drawn on Father's Day.



Actual size: 14 inches long by 3 inches high

**"Some dreams do come true."**

The image of St. Joseph as he's sleeping is a powerful reminder of his peaceful surrender to God's divine plan for his life. One night an angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him that Mary's baby was the Son of God. The angel told Joseph to marry Mary and to name her baby Jesus. Jesus was to be the Savior of the world. Joseph obeyed the angel and married Mary. The statue is 16X3 inches and is simple in the way Joseph was himself, wrapped in his humble robes. Yet the symbolic value of this image is strong. **While asleep, St Joseph received messages from God, who warned him about the danger posed by King Herod and entrusted him with loving and protecting Mary and the Baby Jesus. Immediately after God spoke to Joseph, he responded exactly as he was told.** Based on this reflection, the “Sleeping Saint Joseph” devotion teaches us two valuable lessons: God calls us to rest and reflect in our lives—to break away from our busy lives. And when God gives us a message, we must act on it. *ITE AD SANCTUS IOSEPH!*

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BENEFIT THE ST. THERESE PARISH FAMILY, which SEEKS TO BUILD a LARGER PARISH FAMILY through ST. JOSEPH'S INTERCESSION. **St. Joseph, protector of the Holy Family, pray for our family! Amen.**

# QUIET LISTENING PRAYER

THE INTERIOR CASTLE  
By St Teresa of Avila



In this seventh dwelling place [mystical marriage with God] the union comes about in a different way: our good God now desires to remove the scales from the soul's eyes and let it see and understand—although in a strange way—something of the favor He grants it. When the soul is brought into that dwelling place, the Most Blessed Trinity, all three Persons, through an intellectual vision, is revealed to it through a certain representation of the truth. First there comes an enkindling in the spirit in the manner of a cloud of magnificent splendor; and these Persons are distinct, and through an admirable knowledge the soul understands as a most profound truth that all three Persons are one substance and one power and one knowledge and one God alone. It knows in such a way that what we hold by faith, it understands, we can say, through sight -- although the sight is not with the bodily eyes nor with the eyes of the soul, because we are not dealing with an imaginative vision. Here all three Persons communicate themselves to it, speak to it, and explain those words of the Lord in the Gospel: that He and the Father and the Holy Spirit will come to dwell with the soul that loves Him and keeps His commandments. Oh, God help me! How different is hearing and believing these words from understanding their truth in this way! Each day this soul becomes more amazed, for these Persons never seem to leave it any more, but it clearly beholds, in the way that was mentioned,[6] that they are within it. In the extreme interior, in some place very deep within itself, the nature of which it doesn't know how to explain, because of a lack of learning, it perceives this divine company (VII, 1,6-7).

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### PRAYER TO THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

I adore and glorify you, O blessed Trinity, God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I offer myself to your divine Majesty, humbly asking you to take from me, and from all the faithful, whatever displeases you, and to give us that which is holy in your sight. Grant that we may do what you command



and receive what you promise. I commend all universally to your divine protection, that you may grant to the living forgiveness of their sins, and to the souls departed, rest and peace. Amen.

## 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.



The printing schedule of the bulletin was advanced for the Memorial Holiday weekend. Therefore, the results for May 27 / 28 will be in the June 11th bulletin.

April 29 / 30 .....\$13,752.00  
May 6 / 7 ..... \$16,229.00  
May 13 / 14 ..... \$17,735.00  
May 20 / 21 .....\$14,351.00

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

# An Eternal Exchange of Love

Each year on the first Sunday after Pentecost we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, also known as Trinity Sunday. Although it wasn't until 1334 that Pope John XXII officially established the feast for universal observance in the Western Church, the mystery of the Holy Trinity has been the pulse of the Church's life since the very beginning. The Trinity is "the central mystery of Christian faith and life...and is the source of all the other mysteries of faith" (CCC 234). The whole of the Church's life flows from the central belief that the one true God exists as three divine Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Although God gradually revealed Himself throughout different stages of the Old Testament period of salvation history, mankind had no way of knowing the full truth of God's inner life of the Trinity before the time of Christ, since this mystery of our faith is "inaccessible to human reason alone...before the Incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit" (CCC 237).

In his encyclical *Spe Salvi*, Pope Benedict XVI poses a challenging question: "Is the Christian faith also for us today a life-changing and life-sustaining hope...which shapes our life in a new way, or is it just 'information'" (*Spe Salvi* 10) that doesn't change us? Furthermore, what difference does this central mystery of our faith make in our daily lives? Trinity Sunday is an invitation to remember that "being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a Person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction" (*Deus Caritas Est* 1).

In revealing himself as Trinitarian, God hasn't merely shared impersonal facts about Himself; rather, God has shared *Himself* with us, and has invited us into His own inner life and communion of love, which alone is the origin, goal, and meaning of our life. As we read in the Catechism, "By sending His only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed His innermost secret: God Himself is an eternal exchange of love—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and He has destined us to share in that exchange" (CCC 221). On Trinity Sunday, the Church proclaims the truth about God—that God is Love (1 John 4:8)—and the truth about us: we are made for this Love. We eternally belong to God—we have an eternal home! With the sending of the Holy Spirit, God

fulfills His promise to never leave us orphans. This is why the Church celebrates Trinity Sunday the week after Pentecost: On Pentecost, "the Holy Trinity is fully revealed" (CCC 732).



# The Real St. Therese

From the midst of the pleasantries, memories, advice, and affectionate words which go to make up the Derniers Entretiens (the Last Interviews of St. Therese), there sometimes emerge allusions and brief confidences, which are like choking cries: "My



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

soul is exiled, Heaven is closed to me, and on earth's side, it's all trial, too. It's upon Heaven that everything is focused. How strange and incomprehensible it is." She admitted that certain strong impressions about the love that God revealed to her were only rays—or rather flashes of light—in the midst of her darkness.

Someone had read something to her in the hope of easing her pain and asked if her trial had ceased for a moment. The immediate retort was: "No, it was as though you were singing." During the night of August 6, 1897, she had hoped that she would die, for the whole night was spent struggling against temptations. "Ah! how many acts of faith I made!" Two days later: "I admire the material heavens. The other is closed to me."

On another occasion, when Mother Agnes was asking her again about Heaven: "You are suffering very much because of your interior trials?," Therese gave a deep sigh and replied: "Must one love God and the Blessed Virgin so much and yet have these thoughts? ...But I do not dwell on them." On August 15, a great feast day in Carmel, Therese was in agony. "It's very true that I feel as though there isn't a Heaven. But I must sing very strongly in my heart: After death, life is immortal, or without this, things would turn out badly."

When we know of her love for the Virgin Mary, these words come as a surprise: "I would like to be sure that she loves me, I mean the Blessed Virgin." Seeing through the window a hole dug in the garden, she said: "I am in a hole like that as far as body and soul are concerned. Ah! what darkness! But I am in peace!" She spoke of eternal life and said after a pause: "...but there is one perhaps." Then she added: "and it's even certain." This short interpolated clause throws much light on the acts of faith that she had to keep on making in the face of her continuing doubts. (To be continued.)

# Mass Intentions

June 3—10, 2023

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Lauryl Ann McGrath, INT

Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m.: Cheah Kin Hun, INT

9:00 a.m.: Alberto Ruiz, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Jamie J. Arakawa, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Renato Martinez, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Elle Ruth V. Arevalo, Birthday INT

\*7:30 a.m.: José Arturo Lemus, Sr., RIP

8:00 a.m.: Giacinto Arcaro, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Ramon Curameng, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Jamie J. Arakawa, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Robert O'Neil, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Martita Lopez, Birthday INT

7 pm: Dec'd Mbrs of Crispino Mancao Family RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Salvie Guerrero, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Marietta Okamoto, RIP

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

7 pm: Dec'd Mbrs of Crispino Mancao Family RIP

Thursday:

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

\*7:30 a.m.: Salvie Guerrero, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Philip & Christine Russo, RIP

7 pm: Dec'd Mbrs of Crispino Mancao Family RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Michael Migliozi, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Mary Ann Parada, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Theresa Fiset, RIP

7 pm: Dec'd Mbrs of Crispino Mancao Family RIP

Saturday Morning:

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

8:00 a.m.: Phillip Russo, 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:**

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## Personal Ad

**SEEKING AN EXPERIENCED CAREGIVER** to care for my mom in El Sereno. Contact Martha by phone or text at (310) 877-2201 or by email at hallvasquez@aol.com.

## Outside the Parish

**5-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO! OCTOBER 9 -13, 2023.** Join us as we fly American Airlines direct to Mexico City where we will pray at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, walk to Tepeyac Hill to the Old Cathedral, site of the apparition, and have daily Mass in and around colonial Mexico! (Priest TBA). Enjoy famous Talavera tiles and the amazing Rosary Chapel in Puebla. Visit Coyoacan and Ocotlan, site of many miracles! Enjoy a boatride on Xochimilco's floating gardens! \$1,499 4-Star Hotel, Breakfasts/Dinners incl. Deadline 7/25/23. Contact Albert and Mary Helen Estrada (626) 533-4839.

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. **LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS JUNE 20!**