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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 7:15 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** 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

Pastor: Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD: X 1+222

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In Residence: Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD, Bro. Jason Parrott,
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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

From Our New Pastor, Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD

My dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Therese Parish:



As your newly-appointed Pastor of St. Therese, I want to offer you my warm greetings and good Christian encouragement. Some of you may remember me from my ordination here on August 15th, 2015, or from the many times I have passed through the Parish. It is an honor to now be able to serve you, the good people of St. Therese Parish. I have always been edified by your great faith and devotion in this Parish! In many ways, it feels like coming home for me! Not only that, but when I was asked to steer Therese's "little ship" in Alhambra (pray you nor I get seasick!), I felt in my deepest core that St. Therese herself was calling and leading me here!

As you may know already, we Carmelites and the Church at-large are privileged to be living in these next few centenary years of St. Therese. This year of 2023 is the 150th anniversary of Therese's birth and the centenary of her beatification. 2024 marks our momentous centenary as a parish within the

Archdiocese of Los Angeles. And 2025 is the centenary of St. Therese's canonization. It is an honor to be leading you all through these blessed and very grace-filled years! I pray that all of us as Church can give the honor due to our great Patroness. I truly believe that she's working in a very special way in our Parish and in our Saint Therese Carmelite School. There is so much to look forward to in what God wants to do with us through our Patroness.

Please join me in prayer and discernment as we plan to celebrate our centenary as a parish next year. Special graces await us in this jubilee year! Let us look forward to a bright future filled with "confidence and love" that St. Therese will lead us individually and as a parish to God's plan for us!

St. Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, pray for us!

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus OCD

(I thought I had a long title until I saw hers!)





Welcome to St. Therese, Fr. Peter Mary! Thank You and God Bless You, Fr. Thomas!



Please join us in the **Hall tonight, Saturday, August 5**, following the **5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass** for a reception to say “HELLO” to **Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD**, our new Pastor, and to bid “FAREWELL” to **Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD**, our current pastor. We are also officially welcoming **Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, OCD**, as our new Associate, along with Fr. David.



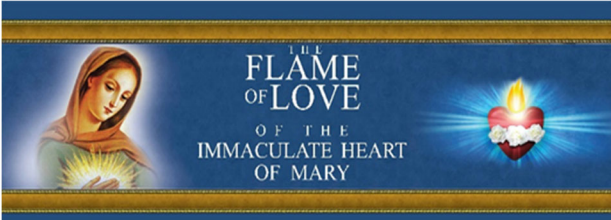
Speaking of **Fr. David Guzman, OCD**, he just celebrated a special milestone this past Friday, August 4: his **SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY!** Please wish him a year full of not seventy blessings—but seventy-times-seven blessings! We also send **Fr. Godfrey Chanda, O.C.D.**, special blessings as he transfers to the Carmelite Novitiate in San Jose, California.



Later this month, we will also be welcoming to St. Therese both **Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD** (a former pastor from 1996 to 1999) and **Fr. Raymond Bueno, OCD** (who was here for a Summer assignment before he was ordained in 2012. Praise God!



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



Living in the Flame – Weekly Agenda: Under the Diary entry of April 10, 1962, Jesus gave Elizabeth Kindelmann instructions on how each day of the week should be allocated. Mary later provided guidance for Sundays. There are other clarifications about this weekly agenda elsewhere in the Diary.

Jesus said: “My daughter, I’m now going to specify how each day of the week should be allocated. . . Come, if you have time. If you have plenty of it, tell Me. The decision is yours. I respect your free will completely. You flatter Me if you abandon it spontaneously to Me.”

We are to put into practice the weekly schedule that Jesus and Mary are requesting of us. In immense gratitude for our efforts, Mary has petitioned her Son, and Jesus has granted extraordinary graces for those who put the weekly schedule into practice.

Join the Cenacle: Two cenacle sessions are available in the Avila Room every Monday. One from Noon to 2:00 p.m., the other one from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Flame of Love books are available for sale in the parish offices.

If you have any questions, please contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.



It's that time of year again! Registration for Religious Ed for non-sacramental and Sacramental classes (First Holy Communion 1 & 2 and Confirmation 1 & 2), as well as for RCIA, will be held after today's morning Masses AND next Sunday's (August 13th) morning Masses.

Just stop by the tables in front of the church or in front of the Hall by the school offices. Registration forms are also available on the church website.

When registering, please bring the student's/candidate's baptism certificate, as well as the appropriate fees for the year's program (printed on each form). The fees may be submitted by cash or check (make checks payable to St. Therese Church).



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.



July 29 / 30, 2023

Unrestricted.....	\$12,631.00
Restricted	\$ 122.00
T O T A L.....	\$12,753.00

July 1 / 2	\$14,468.00
July 8 / 9	\$16,440.00
July 15 / 16	\$11,866.00
July 22 / 23	\$17,168.00

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Wednesday, August 23

**Please pray for our faculty
and staff as we prepare
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**Our Staff Retreat is Wednesday,
August 16. Please pray
for us on that day!**

Faculty and Staff

Mrs. Alma Cornejo– Principal, Algebra teacher

Br. Jason of the Holy Spirit, O.C.D.– Vice Principal, 7th Grade Homeroom

Miss Megan Duncan– Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Ana Vallejo– Director of the Office of Advancement, Director of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, TK-2nd Catechism teacher

Mrs. Monica Chavez– Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten Homeroom

Mrs. Darlene Karnis– 1st/2nd Grade Homeroom

Mrs. Kendall Migliozi– 3rd/4th Grade Homeroom

Mr. Carlos Ibarra– 5th/6th Grade Homeroom

Mr. Benjamin Cooke– 8th Grade Homeroom; Geometry teacher

Mrs. Vanessa Kachirisky– Lower Elementary Instructional Aide

Miss Marybeth Duncan– Lower Elementary Instructional Aide; Athletic Director

Fr. Robert of Divine Mercy, O.C.D.– 5th-8th Grade Art

Miss Charlotte– 5th-8th Schola

Miss Suzi Faias– After School Enrichment Director

The Transfiguration

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible, you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stronger than that!

This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from His body and even His clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our lives are either open or closed to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Whether spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on... We are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— Father John Muir

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The Real St. Therese

Between June 1 and September 30, Therese saw her life unfold once again before her. As in 1895, when she wrote her childhood memories and had sung "the Mercies of the Lord," Therese, in the infirmary,



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

pondered again on "all the graces God has given me." If she could no longer write, she could speak, at least on those days when she could breathe freely. Mother Agnes (her sister Pauline) encouraged and prompted these past reminiscences by asking her sister many questions about certain periods of her life. But the very nearness of death alone was enough to bring back to her mind that surge of memories. And so the whole of Therese's life reappears in the Last Conversations.

The upsurge of memories: "I was thinking today of my past life." In the pleasant childhood we glimpse the first of the depths of every suffering. That childhood which had left such an impression on Therese and had taken up a large section of her first manuscript came back to her mind spontaneously when she was ill.

Of her four and a half years living in Alençon, she remembered the poetry she used to recite about the blue sky, the trips to Lisieux, the little basket... Countless memories naturally sprang to the mind of the eleven years spent at Les Buissonnets: stories, poems, songs, cantiques that her father used to recite or sing in the evenings.

In the infirmary, Therese still remembered. She recited the story of 'Puss in Boots', sang a verse. She could still hear the cries of the little child next door; she remembered the happiness she had known during the days spent at Alençon and Trouville, a bottle of Cologne, the blue-birds bought at Le Havre, the large banquets... She recalled impressions she had had when she was a shy little girl: "In my childhood, the great events of my life appeared to me as insurmountable..."

Mass Intentions

August 5—August 12, 2023

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Charles "Chuck" Marikian, RIP

Sunday:

***7:30 a.m.:** (Carm): Gordon La Cross, INT

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

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

11:00 a.m.: Jess Grimm & Family, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Atlas Chambliss, INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Carmen Vessell, RIP

***7:30 a.m.:** All Humanity

8:00 a.m.: Rosita Reyes de Lacayo, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Protection for Children of the World

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Raymond Anthonoy Cuevas, RIP

***7:30 a.m.:** Leland Wong and Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Ciriaca Seguerva, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Loreto Lowenberg, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Raymond Anthony Cuevas, RIP

***7:30 a.m.:** Lawrence Ahn & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Engracia Vales, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Johanna Cuevas, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Raymond Anthony Cuevas, RIP

***7:30 a.m.:** Teddy, Chuna, & Nicolas Yang, INT

8:00 a.m.: Freddy Grimm, 16th Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: Joaquin Haro, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Raymond Anthony Cuevas, RIP

***7:30 a.m.:** Protection for Human Life—from
Conception to Natural Death.

8:00 a.m.: Peter & Moira Kretschmer, INT

7:15 p.m.: Johanna Cuevas, INT

Saturday Morning:

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

8:00 a.m.: Geri Holman, Birthday Intention

***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).

Pilgrimages

Pilgrimage^s



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.

French Canada Pilgrimage September 14-21, 2023: Discover Quebec's Shrines honoring the Mother of God and the Guardians of the Holy Family, St. Joseph Oratory, and St. Anne Beaupre. Cost is \$3350 (double room occupancy | add \$395 for single room occupancy), which includes roundtrip flights from LAX and land travel by motorcoach, guesthouses/hotels with private bath, daily breakfast & dinner, all touring, and daily Mass.

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