

St. Therese Catholic Church



October 1, 2023

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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.

(***NO** 7:15 p.m. on Wed.; Tues's 7:15 p.m. is in **Spanish**).

Carmelite Nuns' Chapel: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

Note: the daily 8:00 a.m., the Monday evening 7:15 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: Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.;

Saturdays 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

QUOTES BY ST. THERESE

"Love proves itself by deeds, so how am I to show my love? Great deeds are forbidden me. The only way I can prove my love is by scattering flowers and these flowers are every little sacrifice, every glance and word, and the doing of the least actions for love."

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

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

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"Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them."

"Everything is a grace, everything is the direct effect of our Father's love. Difficulties, contradictions, humiliations, all the soul's misunderstandings, sufferings... everything is a grace."

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

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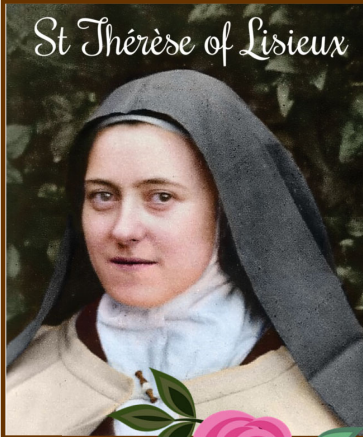
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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page or on the Church's website >Our School> Videos



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



The Pastor's Letter

My Dear Parishioners,

Happy Solemn Feast Day of St. Therese! It is a great privilege to celebrate this as a Solemnity on a Sunday with the whole Parish! We also have the great privilege of welcoming our new regional bishop, Bishop Brian Nunes, for his first parish Mass as Bishop of the San Gabriel Region at today's 9:00 a.m. Mass! We hope many of you will be there to show your support for him! Enjoy the conclusion to St. Therese's "Christmas miracle" below.

—Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.



The Grace of Christmas (MANUSCRIPT A 44r-45v) Story of a Soul (Part II)



It was December 25, 1886, that I received the grace of leaving my childhood; in a word, the grace of my complete conversion. We had come back from Midnight Mass where I had the happiness of receiving the strong and powerful God. Upon arriving at Les Buissonnets, I used to love to take my shoes from the chimney corner and examine the presents in them; this old custom had given us so much joy in our youth that Céline wanted to continue treating me as a baby since I was the youngest in the family. Papa had always loved to see my happiness and listen to my cries of delight as I drew each surprise from the magic shoes, and my dear King's gaiety increased my own happiness very much.

However, Jesus desired to show me that I was to give up the defects of my childhood and so He withdrew its innocent pleasures. He permitted Papa, tired out after the Midnight Mass, to experience annoyance when seeing my shoes at the fireplace, and to speak those words which pierced my heart: "Well, fortunately, this will be the last year for that!" I was going upstairs, at the time, to remove my hat, and Céline, knowing how sensitive I was and seeing the tears already glistening in my eyes, wanted to cry too, for she loved me very much and understood my grief. She said, "Oh, Thérèse, don't go downstairs; it would cause you too much grief to look at your slippers right now!" But Thérèse was no longer the same; Jesus had changed her heart!

Forcing back my tears, I descended the stairs rapidly; controlling the poundings of my heart, I took my slippers and placed them in front of Papa, and withdrew all the objects joyfully. I had the happy appearance of a Queen. Having regained his own cheerfulness, Papa was laughing; Céline believed it was all a dream! Fortunately, it was a sweet reality; Thérèse had discovered once again the strength of soul which she had lost at the age of four and a half, and she was to preserve it forever!

On that night of light began the third period of my life, the most beautiful and the most filled with graces from Heaven. The work I had been unable to do in ten years was done by Jesus in one instant, contenting Himself with my good will which was never lacking. I could say to Him, like His apostles: "Master, I fished all night and caught nothing." More merciful to me than He was to His disciples, Jesus took the net Himself, cast it, and drew it in filled with fish. He made me a fisher of souls. I experienced a great desire to work for the conversion of sinners, a desire I hadn't felt so intensely before. I felt charity enter into my soul, and the need to forget myself and to please others; since then I've been happy!



Welcome, Bishop Nunes!

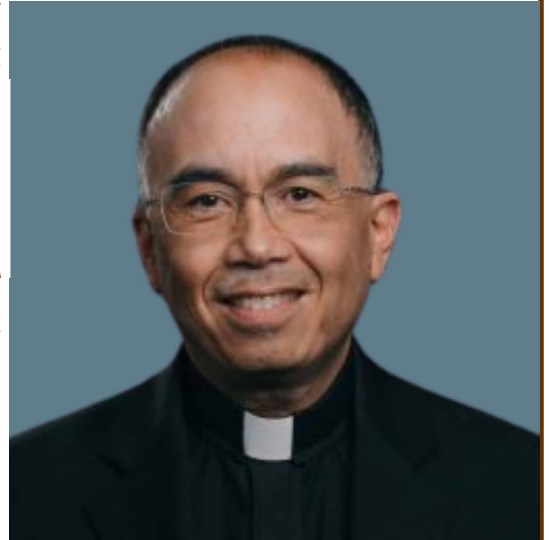
Saint Therese Parish is happy to announce the visit of our new regional **Bishop Brian Nunes**, who will be celebrating today's 9:00 a.m. Mass!



Welcome, Bishop Nunes, from all our friars, ministries, parishioners, and friends!



October 1st also marks the first day of **Respect Life Month**. St. Therese Carmelite School students and Vox Vitae teens will be honoring the innocent lives lost to abortion in the opening procession of the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We pray that we may be a Voice For Life and honor the dignity of all God's children. **St. Therese, pray for us!**



Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary Seeks Young Adult Volunteers



The Alhambra Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary is **seeking YOUNG ADULTS TO JOIN AS AUXILIARY ASSOCIATES**. Volunteers will be called to assist in fundraising

events for the benefit of the Carmelite Nuns. Your help will be needed twice a year—in the Spring and Fall—as well as with other special projects throughout the year. Volunteers need not attend the monthly meetings but will receive the minutes via email. Your time commitment would be flexible. For more info, please contact Jessica Morgan at jessica.morgan@gmail.com.

St. Therese: A Short Life in Brief



St. Thérèse of Lisieux, also called St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face or the "Little Flower," was born January 2, 1873, in Alençon, France. She was the youngest of nine children, five of whom survived childhood. After her mother died of breast cancer in 1877, Thérèse moved with her family to Lisieux. In the deeply religious atmosphere of her home, her piety developed early and intensively. All four of her elder

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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.



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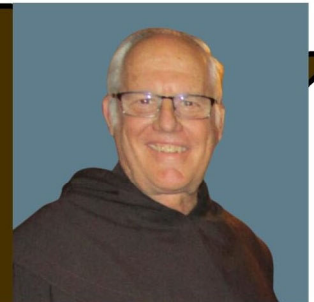
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Therese: A Short Life in Brief

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sisters became nuns, and at the age of 15 she entered the Carmelite convent at Lisieux, having been refused admission a year earlier. Although she suffered from depression, scruples—a causeless feeling of guilt—and, at the end, religious doubts, she kept the rule to perfection and maintained a smiling, pleasant, and unselfish manner. Before her death from tuberculosis on September 30, 1897, she acknowledged that, because of her difficult nature, not one day had ever passed without a struggle.

Her home and burial site at Lisieux have become places of pilgrimage, and a basilica bearing her name has been built there.

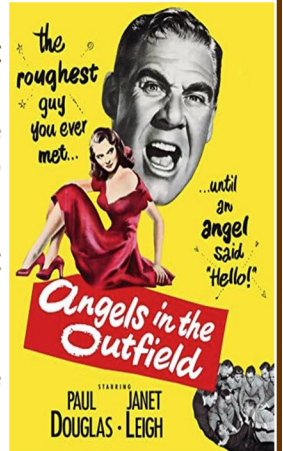
The story of Thérèse's spiritual development was related in a collection of her epistolary essays, written by order of the prioress and published in 1898 under the title *Histoire d'une âme* ("Story of a Soul"). Her popularity is largely a result of this work, which conveys her loving pursuit of holiness in ordinary life. St. Thérèse defined her doctrine of the Little Way as "the way of spiritual childhood, the way of trust

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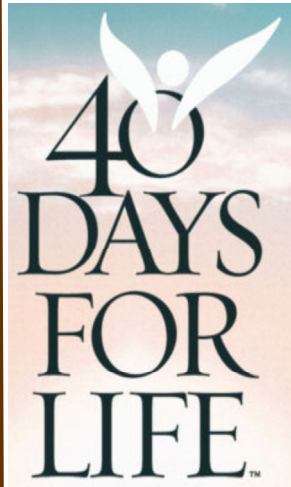
Parish Movie Night!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 28, at 6:30 p.m.**, for our next Parish Movie Night on our Big Screen in the parking lot! The featured movie will be "ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD (1951 version).

What's it about? This comedy is about the Pittsburgh Pirates' brash and abusive manager who receives the help of an angel to win games and become a better person in the process."



40 Days for Life



Pasadena's Forty Days of Life will start their peaceful prayer and fasting vigil on Wednesday, September 27, and it will continue through November 5th. Try to spend some time at the Pasadena Planned Parenthood facility and pray to end abortions there. Their busiest day for abortions is Tuesday.

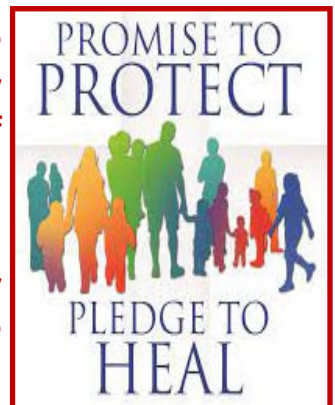
We will be there weekly from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The location is 1045 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena, and the vigil hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. You may also go on your own (with a friend!) on Saturdays.

For more info, contact Rose Curiel at 323-528-8094 or indigorose40daysforlife@gmail.com

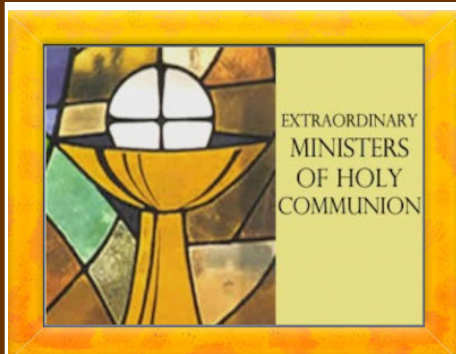
Safeguard the Children - Did You Know?

What is doxing? Doxing is publicly sharing someone's private information, like home address, phone number, or social security number, as a form of punishment or revenge—putting them at risk of hacking, identity fraud, or other violence.

If someone is doxed, they may have their phone number swamped with spam or explicit texts and messages or if their address is shared, they may be unsafe in their own home. For more info about doxing, read the article "Doxing: What is that?" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY



There will be a meeting **in the Lisieux Room in the Parish Offices on Saturday, October 7, at 10:00 a.m.**, with Fr. Stephen Watson. This meeting is for all who have previously served as

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and who wish to continue AND for those who have never served but are interested in doing so. You may serve during the weekday Masses AND/OR by bringing Holy Communion to the homebound. **This meeting is also for all those who bring Holy Communion only to their own loved ones.**

Those who serve must be practicing Catholics in good standing. For any questions, please email Liccia Beck at liccia.labeck.beck44@gmail.com.

Note: This meeting will start on time, so please do not be late. Thank you!

Centenary Committee!

We are beginning to plan for the celebration of our 100th Anniversary in 2024 (St. Therese Church was founded in 1924 by the Discalced Carmelite Friars from the Irish Province).



If you would like to join the Committee for the Parish Centenary Year, chaired by Fr. Stephen Watson, please call the Parish Office at (626) 282-2744, ext. 0, and leave your name, phone number, and email address.

The FIRST MEETING will be THIS Wednesday, October 4, at 7:15 p.m., in the Avila Room in the office building on El Molino Street.

Five First Saturdays Devotion

FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

to honor & make reparation to the

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



Mark your calendar for our next First Saturdays Devotion for October 7th, 2023, and join us for the Rosary and 15 minutes of meditation after the 8:00 a.m. Mass! For any questions, please contact Maria Alejandra at (626) 993-4236.



Apparitions in Fatima by Our Lady



October 13, 1917 ~ The sixth apparition—Our Lady announced, "I am the Lady of the Rosary. People must amend their lives, ask forgiveness for their sins, and not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too much offended." As Our Lady left, the great crowd of 70-100 thousand began to witness "The Miracle of the Sun." The sun grew pale and became like a silver disk emitting every color of the spectrum, coloring everything in first blue, then red, green and yellow. Then suddenly, the sun seemed to break loose from the heavens, coming closer and closer to the earth. Villagers 10 miles away could see the fantastic "dancing sun."

Meanwhile, the children witnessed a vision of the Holy Family and of Our Lord as a grown man. Lucia alone witnessed a vision of Mary as Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Later in life, Lucia became a Carmelite nun.

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

Mass Intentions

September 30—October 7, 2023

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Angel Avalos, INT

Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

9:00 a.m.: 40 Days for Life Campaign

11:00 a.m.: Mary Rose and Patrick, INT

1:00 pm: Sr. Therese of the Child Jesus OCD INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Engracia Vales, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Atlas Chambliss, INT

8:00 a.m.: McAllister Family, INT

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

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Engracia Vales, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Cathleen Thompson, RIP

7:15 p.m.: (Spanish): Eulalia McEntire, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Nicholas & Joy Solichin, Anniv.

*7:30 a.m.: Rosario Khoo, Birthday INT

8:00 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

7:15 p.m.: NO MASS—Confessions 7-9 p.m.

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Sylvia Centero, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Dominador, Sr., & Melba Tugade RIP

7:15 p.m.: Jassmine Ren, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Frank Abril, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Josephine & Danilo Palma, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Mary Rose & Patrick, INT

Saturday Morning:

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

8:00 a.m.: Angela Grimm, 10th B-Day INT

*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 7:15 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).

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and absolute surrender." She was canonized by Pope Pius XI on the 17th day of May, 1925. Because of her writings and her exemplary spiritual life, she was designated a Doctor of the Church by St. John Paul II on October 19, 1997. The Pope said at that time, "Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face is the youngest of all the 'Doctors of the Church,' but her ardent spiritual journey shows such maturity, and the insights of faith expressed in her writings are so vast and profound that she deserves a place among the great spiritual masters."

For further details on her life (as well the stories of her parents' lives and the lives of each of her four sisters), see the link on our website titled, OUR PATRONESS.



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