

St. Therese Catholic Church

Est. 1924

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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.

Rosary: Monday-Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Monday and Tuesday evenings: *7:15 p.m. Mass

(*Monday evening Mass followed by Healing Service;

Tuesday's 7:15 p.m. is in **Spanish**).

Thursday evenings: 7:00 pm Exposition & Adoration

First Fridays: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

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

CONFESSIONS: **Wednesdays** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.;

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

Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

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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

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

As we enter into this holiest of weeks in our Church year, let us enter into Our Lord's Passion by keeping watch with Him in prayer. To help us do that, Pope Benedict XVI offers us some profound insights for Palm Sunday.

Blessed Holy Week to you all!

—Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.



Let us return to today's Gospel passage and ask ourselves: What is really happening in the hearts of those who acclaim Christ as King of Israel? Clearly, they had their own idea of the Messiah, an idea of how the long-awaited King promised by the prophets should act. Not by chance, a few days later, instead of acclaiming Jesus, the Jerusalem crowd will cry out to Pilate, "Crucify Him!," while the disciples, together with others who had seen Him and listened to Him, will be struck dumb and will disperse. The majority, in fact, was disappointed by the way Jesus chose to present Himself as Messiah and King of Israel. This is the heart of today's feast, for us too. Who is Jesus of Nazareth for us? What idea do we have of the Messiah; what

idea do we have of God? It is a crucial question, one we cannot avoid, not least because during this very week we are called to follow our King who chooses the Cross as His throne. We are called to follow a Messiah who promises us, not a facile earthly happiness, but the happiness of Heaven.. So we must ask ourselves: what are our true expectations? What are our deepest desires, with which we have come here today to celebrate Palm Sunday and to begin our celebration of Holy Week?

Dear brothers and sisters, may these days call forth two sentiments in particular: praise, after the example of those who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with their "Hosanna!," and thanksgiving, because in this Holy Week the Lord Jesus will renew the greatest gift we could possibly imagine: He will give us His life, His body and His blood, His love. But we must respond worthily to so great a gift; that is to say, with the gift of ourselves, our time, our prayer, our entering into a profound communion of love with Christ who suffered, died, and rose for us. The early Church Fathers saw a symbol of all this in the gesture of the people who followed Jesus on His entry into Jerusalem, the gesture of spreading out their cloaks before the Lord. Before Christ—the Fathers said—we must spread out our lives, ourselves, in an attitude of gratitude and adoration.

As we conclude, let us listen once again to the words of one of these early Fathers, St. Andrew, Bishop of Crete in the 8th century: "So, it is ourselves that we must spread under Christ's feet, not cloaks or lifeless branches, or shoots of trees, matter which wastes away and delights the eye only for a few brief hours. But we have clothed ourselves with Christ's grace, or with the whole Christ... So, let us spread ourselves like cloak under His feet... Let us offer not palm branches but the prizes of victory to the Conqueror of Death. Today, let us too give voice with the children to that sacred chant, as we wave the spiritual branches of our soul: 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!' Amen!"

- By Pope Benedict XVI

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 25 - 31, 2024



CONFESSIONS

- Tuesday, March 26: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 27: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Holy Saturday, March 30: 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

MASSSES & SERVICES



***Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday, March 25, 26, 27: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m. (NO 7:15 p.m.)**

Mass will also be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. at the Cloistered Nuns' Chapel)

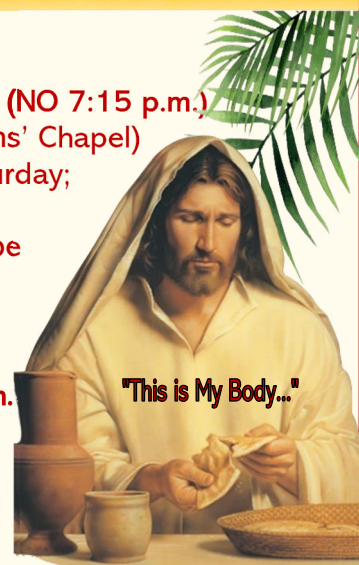
(Note: No morning Masses on Holy Thursday or Holy Saturday;
Mass is never celebrated on Good Friday.)

***On Monday, March 25, ALL the Carmelite Friars will be
at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of the Angels**

Holy Thursday (March 28)

Mass of the Lord's Supper (Washing of the Feet): 7:15 p.m.

(Mass at the Cloistered Nuns' Chapel: 5:00 p.m.)



"Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit."

Good Friday (March 29)

12:00 p.m.: Way of the Cross

1:00 p.m.: Reflections on the Seven Last Words

3:00 p.m.: Sacred Liturgy*

7:15 p.m.: Sacred Liturgy* Repeated

(3:00 p.m. Sacred Liturgy* at the Cloister Chapel)

*Includes distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Saturday (March 30)

Solemn Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 p.m.

(The Mass begins with the lighting of the
Easter fire in front of the church.)

(Note: Confessions from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.)

Easter Sunday (March 31)

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.,

And Traditional Latin Mass at 1:00 p.m.

(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass)



"Peace be with you!"

ALL MASSES AND SERVICES ARE IN ENGLISH ONLY, EXCEPT FOR THE LATIN MASS.

PLEASE NOTE: There are NO evening Masses scheduled for Monday
through Wednesday and NO evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

Also note that the order of the events on Good Friday is different from previous years. We'll begin with the Way of the Cross, followed by the talks on the Seven Words, concluding with the Sacred Liturgy (SL) at 3:00 p.m., instead of at 2:00 p.m. (as usual, the SL is repeated in the evening at 7:15 p.m.).

Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord!

Palms are majestic, tall trees that grow abundantly in the Holy Land. In Bible times, the finest specimens grew at Jericho (which was known as the city of palm trees) and along the banks of the Jordan River. In ancient times, palm branches symbolized goodness, well-being, grandeur, steadfastness, and victory. They were often depicted on coins and important buildings.

In the Gospels, we hear how palm branches were spread across the road and waved in the air as Jesus entered Jerusalem. In ancient times, palms were often used in the celebration of victory and—in King David's time—they were used to honor royalty. This fact of the history of the use of palm branches makes a perfect connection to the true identity of **Jesus as the King of Kings**. Not only that, but palm branches also represent Jesus being worthy as the High Priest. A palm tree takes 30 years to bear fruit and a man could not become a High Priest until he was thirty years old; as we know, Jesus' ministry began when He was thirty.



In addition to palm branches, "cloaks" or "garments" were also spread out on the road for His triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The word garment here refers to the "tallit" or "prayer shawl," a seamless garment with tassels attached to each corner to remind the Jewish people of all the commands of God. By laying their "tallits" down while crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord," the people were acknowledging Jesus as the One worthy to be called the **"Lord of lords and King of kings."**

Whether it was the palm branches or the tallits, **it all pointed to Jesus being the Messiah, High Priest, and King.** May our lives be continually "laid down" before Him in worship.

SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

WE'RE ALL IN FOR

**POKER
NIGHT**

APRIL 13, 2024 | 6 PM

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL



\$50 PER PERSON

POKER TABLES, FOOD, MUSIC,
RAFFLES AND MORE!

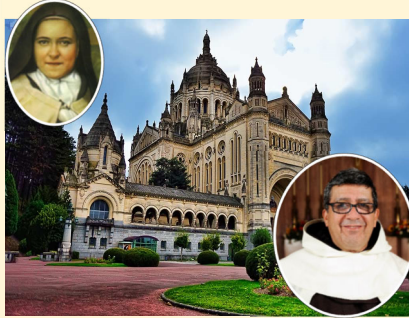
ADMISSION INCLUDES
\$100 IN POKER CHIPS
APPETIZERS AND DESSERT
1 DRINK TICKET
1 RAFFLE TICKET

BUSINESS SPONSORS NEEDED

OWN A BUSINESS? INTERESTED IN A TAX-
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CONTACT MRS. VALLEJO IN THE SCHOOL
OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS

TO PURCHASE TICKETS, VISIT OR
CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE:
(626) 289-3364

Pilgrimage to France with Fr. David Guzman



100th St. Therese Parish Anniversary/Pilgrimage to visit her Basilica in France!

Join St. Therese Associate Pastor Father David for twelve days from October 3rd to 14th, 2024, to travel to

Lisieux, Dijon, Lourdes, Mont St. Michel, and other religious sites in France, as St. Therese Parish's 2024 100th Anniversary connects with the 2023 100th Anniversary of St. Therese's Beatification and her 2025 100th Anniversary of Canonization.

The package price for 12 days (from L.A. and back to L.A.) is \$3,985 which includes round trip airfare, hotel accommodations, breakfast and lunch, admission fees. Mass will be celebrated daily. Detailed flyers will be available in the church soon!

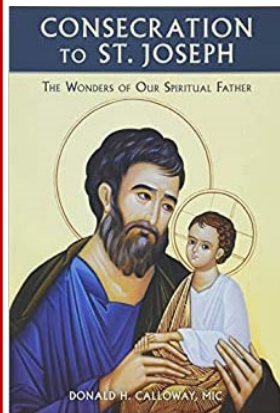


Please help us decorate the church for Easter!

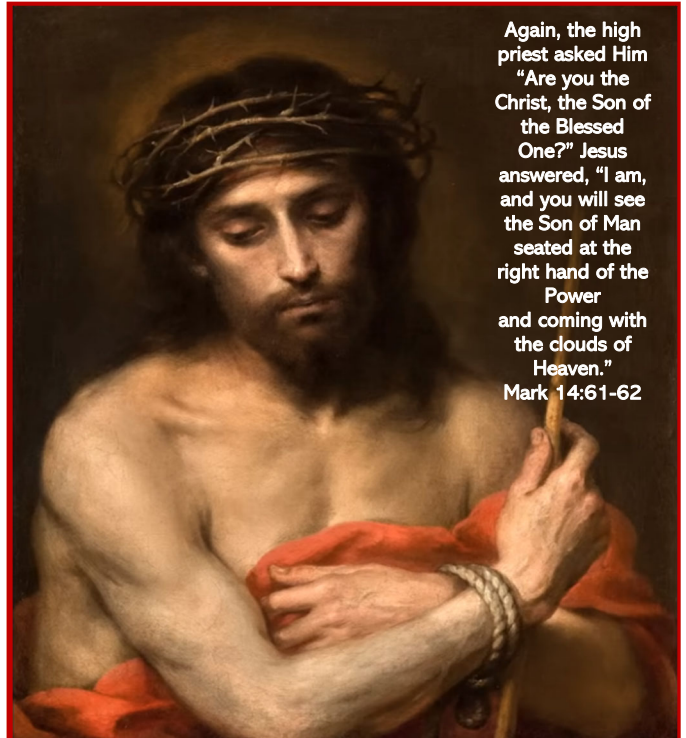
Make a donation for the Easter flowers by putting your offering into one of the Easter Flower envelopes located in the pews.

A Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m., on August 13, 2024, for all those whose names are written on the offering envelopes.

CONSECRATION to ST. JOSEPH Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 7:15 p.m. FEAST of SAINT JOSEPH the WORKER



You are invited to join us to prepare for the consecration by gathering together on Wednesdays, (March 27, April 3, 10, 17 & 24) at your choice of either 12:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m., in the Avila Room in the parish offices (please enter through the Adoration Chapel doors). You will need the book, *CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* by Fr. Donald H. Calloway, MIC. This book contains 33 days of preparation and may be purchased (English or Spanish) in the parish office for \$15. For more information contact: Maria Alejandra (626) 993-4236 | trinity1lord@gmail.com.



Again, the high priest asked Him "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?" Jesus answered, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming with the clouds of Heaven." Mark 14:61-62

Financial Offerings



March 16 / 17, 2024

Unrestricted..... \$12,568.00
Restricted \$ 150.00
T O T A L.....\$12,718.00

February 17 / 18 \$16,842.00
February 24 / 25 \$22,752.00
March 2 / 3..... \$15,484.00
March 9 / 10 \$21,504.00

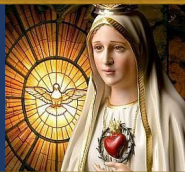
CHECK USERS:
Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

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 on **April 6, 2024**, and join us for the Rosary and a 15-minute meditation after the 8:00 a.m. Mass!

For any questions, contact the office at (626) 282-2744.



Three Fatima Seers—Francisco Marto (June 11, 1908-April 4, 1919)

Francisco had the gift of a meditative soul. His traits of character seemed to be inherited from his father: mild, very humble, patient, one of few words, balanced, with a natural distaste for fuss, noise, and commotion. Francisco, though good and simple, obviously had some significant faults for which to atone. On hearing from Lucia that Our Lady had said that he would have to say many Rosaries to go to Heaven, without the least trace of resentment he exclaimed: "O, my dear Our Lady, I will say as many Rosaries as you want!"

He was often seen with his rosary in hand, seeking solitude or spending long hours before the Blessed Sacrament. His loving, innocent heart felt the special calling to "console Our Lord" for the sins of mankind.

After suffering without complaint the ravages of the influenza pandemic of 1918, Francisco died peacefully at home on April 4, 1919—with a smile on his lips. He was just ten years old.

HelpOurMarriage.org

"No matter how hard the past,
You can always begin again."



A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Attention: Couples! Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue constantly or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETRouvaille (retro-vai) may be what your marriage needs! It's a practical program to improve communication between couples, help rebuild trust, and provide tools to build stronger marriages and assist couples to reconnect.

The next weekend is **April 5-7** in L.A.

Register early to reserve your spot!.

Call 909-900-5465 or go to

www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

Final Day!



Join us **TODAY, March 24, at 3:00 p.m.**, in front of **Pasadena Planned Parenthood** (1045 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena) for our **final** blessing and prayers in front of Planned Parenthood.

THANK YOU to everyone who came and prayed with us to help save the innocent unborn, including Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio and Fr. David Guzman. Fr. David came every Friday to lead the Stations of the Cross.

Learn more by going to the 40 Days for Life website: www.40daysforlife.com/pasadena.

Mass Intentions

March 23—March 30, 2024

Saturday Evening Vigil for Palm Sunday

5:00 p.m.: Merle Smith, INT

Palm Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Frances, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Robert Earl Jeffers, INT

9:00 am: Vina Vargas & Robertina Mendoza, INT

11:00 a.m.: Fidelina Adan, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Christopher Huling, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Rogelio N. Vales, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Carter & Fullenkamp Families, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Moses Goh, INT

8:00 a.m.: Wang-Shih Lin, RIP

NO MASS (Chrism Mass at the Cathedral)

Tuesday

6:00 a.m.: Archbishop Jose Gomez, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Faustina, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Steven Jay Smuckler, RIP

NO MASS (Confessions 7:00—8:00 p.m.)

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Rommel Protacio Karanugan, RIP

*7:30 am: Irene Zacharias, INT

8:00 a.m.: Robert Earl Jeffers, RIP

Confessions 7:00—8:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY

*5:00 p.m.: Lucy Tittmann, 21st Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: Carmelite Order, INT

GOOD FRIDAY:

NO MASSES

HOLY SATURDAY:

*PRIVATE MASS AT THE CARMEL

8:00 p.m. EASTER VIGIL: Thresia Kalapura, RIP

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel (located at 215 East Alhambra Road).**

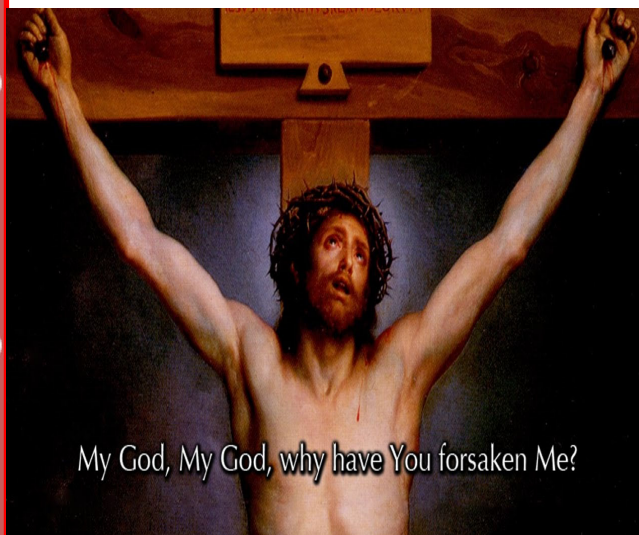
Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross (Phil 2:6-8).

Pilgrimages

OUR LADY OF CHAMPION (approved Apparition) **PILGRIMAGE with Saint Therese Parish's Father David:** Join Fr. David Guzman, O.C.D., to visit Shrines of Wisconsin, **AUGUST 10-16, 2024.** This is a Spiritual Retreat Pilgrimage including visits to Our Lady of Champion Shrine and our Carmelite Holy Hill Basilica. Two additional groups flying out of San Francisco and Tucson will be joining us on this fabulous journey. The Per Person/Double Occupancy total rate is \$2348 (from LAX). We will visit various Shrines of Our Lady, Holy Hill Basilica, and the Carmelite Nuns Cloister in Denmark, WI. Pick up a Pilgrimage Flyer for more information.

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE TO FRENCH CANADA: St. Joseph Oratory, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Anne Beaupre, Cathedral -Basilica of Notre-Dame, and more... **August 23-30, 2024.** LAX to Montreal, Cost: \$3250 Double occupancy (\$150 off for early bird discount by April 15th). For more information contact: Louisa Day (323)360-5186 Or go to: www.sacredhearttours.com.



All who see Me scoff at Me; they mock Me with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He relied on the LORD; let Him deliver Him, let Him rescue Him, if He loves Him." Indeed, many dogs surround Me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon Me; they have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones. They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far from Me; O my help, hasten to aid Me. I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise Him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to Him; revere Him, all you descendants of Israel!"

Psalms 22