

St. Therese Catholic Church

Est. 1924

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...they saw the Child with Mary His mother. They prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

MASSSES | 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

(*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.

Note: The daily 8:00 a.m., the Monday 7:15 p.m., and the Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses are all

LIVE STREAMED on Facebook AND YouTube.

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

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 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

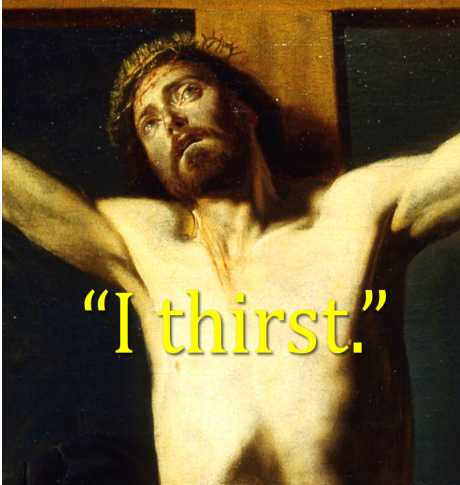
Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

Happy New Year and a Blessed Centennial Year! This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord. On this day, God manifests Himself to all the nations, represented in the Three Wise Men and ultimately fulfilled in us. Let us imitate these truly "Wise" Men by laying our gifts before Our Lord and adoring Him as He deserves!

Below, we begin the story of St. Therese and Pranzini.

Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.

Prayer for Pranzini MANUSCRIPT A, 45v-46v (Part 1)



"One Sunday, looking at a picture of Our Lord on the Cross, I was struck by the blood flowing from one of the divine hands. I felt a great pang of sorrow when thinking this blood was falling to the ground without anyone's hastening to gather it up. I was resolved to remain in spirit at the foot of the Cross and to receive the divine dew. I understood I was then to pour it out upon souls. The cry of Jesus on the Cross sounded continually in my heart: 'I

thirst!' These words ignited within me an unknown and very living fire. I wanted to give my Beloved to drink and I felt myself consumed with a thirst for souls. As yet, it was not the souls of priests that attracted me, but those of great sinners; I burned with the desire to snatch them from the eternal flames.

"To awaken my zeal, God showed me my desires were pleasing to Him. I heard talk of a great criminal just condemned to death for some horrible crimes; everything pointed to the fact that he would die impenitent. I wanted at all costs to prevent him from falling into Hell and, to attain my purpose, I employed every means imaginable. Feeling that of myself, I could do nothing, I offered to God all the infinite merits of Our Lord, the treasures of the Church, and finally I begged Céline to have a Mass offered for my intentions. I didn't dare ask this myself for fear of being obliged to say it was for Pranzini, the great criminal.

"I didn't want to tell Céline, but she asked me such tender and pressing questions, I confided my secret to her. Far from laughing at me, she asked if she could help convert my sinner. I accepted gratefully, for I would have wished all creatures would unite with me to beg grace for the guilty man."



TEN WEEKDAY MASSES TO BE HELD IN THE HALL

Due to the refinishing of the floors in the church, the weekDAY Masses (as well as two Saturday morning Masses) for the dates listed below will be celebrated in the Parish Hall:

Monday-Friday, January 15 to 19

Saturday morning, January 20 (6:00 & 8:00 a.m.)

Monday-Friday, January 22 to 26

Other than the morning of January 20, ALL weekEND Masses will continue to be celebrated in the church.

HALL ENTRANCE FOR MASSES

Because the front doors of the hall are within the school's enclosed area (for the safety of the children), please ENTER the Hall for the Masses through the side door closest to Vega Street.

The Feast of Epiphany



Epiphany, also known as *Three Kings' Day*, is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God in His Son, born on earth as a human Child. The word "**epiphany**" comes from the Greek word meaning "**manifestation.**" The feast also commemorates the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, and thus Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles.

Celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church on the closest Sunday to January 6, the feast of Epiphany allows us to truly comprehend what it means that God has brought His only Son into our world. The Wise Men—traditionally known as Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar—were the first people outside of the stable to come and pay homage to Jesus. These unlikely royal visitors showered Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh—herbs typically used for burial—foreshadowing Jesus' destiny. Epiphany not only signifies the calling of the chosen few, like the Wise Men, but it is also an invitation to anyone and everyone around the world to follow Christ. For the first time, God was physically present for people on Earth through His Son, no longer just a voice in the wilderness.

The Magi were taking a huge risk in following the star to Bethlehem, but they trusted that God was leading them to something far greater than they could know. This is such a powerful example of how we as Christians should live our lives: **Trusting that God knows what is best for us and that His plan, no matter how unattainable things might seem on the journey, will lead us to where we need to be.**

*This Coming
Saturday!*

Saturday, January 13, 2024

Shake & Roll Rattle



Dance to the music of the 50's and 60's!

Fundraiser for Saint Therese Catholic Church **Kitchen Remodel**



Fabulous Dinner and Dance

Location: Saint Therese Carmelite School Hall

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

\$40 per person Makes a great Christmas gift!

The fee includes a delicious buffet dinner of Caesar salad, roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, sauteed vegetables, chicken breast with Marsala wine sauce, mushrooms, sun-dried tomatoes, Atlantic salmon with lemon butter sauce, penne pasta with vegetables and Alfredo sauce, and dessert.

**Dinner will be served only
from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

One Hour Show!

Special Guest

Elvis



There will be a 50/50 game and raffle AND a special one-hour live show featuring "ELVIS"! All proceeds will go towards the remodel of the Parish Hall kitchen. Tickets available at the school and church offices or call (626) 533-4839.

Saint Therese Carmelite School

Deeply rooted in Carmelite spirituality, Saint Therese Carmelite School, united with our parents who are the primary educators of their children, seeks to form students in faith, academics, and virtue through a Classical education.



Open House

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

10 AM-3 PM

TK-8TH GRADE



Saint Therese Carmelite School is first and foremost a Catholic school. Saint Therese Carmelite School educates students through the Catholic Classical model of education to equip our students with the logic, critical thinking, and language skills necessary to succeed throughout their lives.

- Full 6-year WASC/ WCEA Accreditation
- Classical curriculum
- Weekly Mass
- Monthly Confession
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- Latin for 3rd-8th grade
- Euclidean geometry
- All-school choir
- Fine arts
- CYO sports
- After-school daycare

Give them the necessary skills for high school and beyond!

Our middle school program focuses on providing our students with the critical thinking, self-discipline, and independent drive necessary to succeed in a rigorous high school program.



Come and see what our program is about!

1106 EAST ALHAMBRA ROAD, ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA 91801

"LET ME INTRODUCE YOU..." By Fr. Stephen F. Watson, OCD

A New Feature in the Bulletin for our Parish Centennial



This past December, the Pasadena Star-News had a front page headline: ***New Census Info Fills in Picture of Southland.*** Southern California is one of the most racially, ethnically, and linguistically diverse regions in the United States. Parishioners Dennis Bui and his family are part of this rich diversity.

Dennis was born in North Vietnam in 1959. He moved to South Vietnam after the fall of Saigon. In 1981, Dennis left Vietnam as one of the tens of thousands of refugees, referred to as Vietnamese boat people (*Thuyền Nhân Việt Nam*), who fled Vietnam by boat following the end of the Vietnam War in 1975. He spent three months at the Galang Refugee Camp, an island belonging to Indonesia. From there he was resettled in Orange County where he had an uncle.

Thanks to his sister, Dennis met his first wife, **Tha Anna**. She and Dennis' sister also spent time in Gulang before coming to Southern California. Dennis and his wife, devout Catholics who were married in a Catholic Church in Los Angeles, lived in Chinatown where Dennis had a tailoring business with six employees. He worked long hours, sometimes 18 hours a day.

In 1997, Dennis and Anna moved into their new home at 511 North El Molino Street, which is directly across the street from the Parish office. That is when I first met them. At the time, the Carmelite Friars still lived in what I call the "old rectory," which is now office space for the many ministries of the Parish. Dennis and Anna had three children: Peter, Julia, and Julie, who were soon enrolled in the Parish School. They could be seen playing outside their house every



Above—Top: Dennis and Anna's wedding photo; Bottom: Dennis and Anna today (taken in front of the church offices)

day. In September of 1999, Anna died of cancer. Dennis, according to custom, married Anna's sister, whose name is **Thé Anna**. They, in turn, had four children: Matthew, Amy, John, and Theresa.

The living room of the home is much like I remembered it when I used to visit Anna, Dennis' first wife, when she was dying. It is like a chapel, adorned with many images of Jesus and Mary and the Vietnamese martyrs. Sacred music was playing softly as I interviewed Dennis. Dennis suffered a stroke four years ago and no longer works. He goes to our daily 6:00 a.m. Mass; his wife and mother-in-law attend the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Dennis' seven children are all graduates of Alhambra High School. The three children of his first wife live on their own. Peter lives in New Mexico and has two children of his own. The two sisters live together nearby: Julia is a pharmacist and Julie works at a bank. The other four children are still living at the family home on North El Molino Street, along with their parents and grandparents.

**The Bui family is part of the rich history of St. Therese Parish.
Let us all journey together in faith with our patroness St. Therese in this centennial year.**

Mass Intentions

January 6—January 13, 2024

Saturday Evening

5:00 p.m.: McAllister Family

Sunday

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

7:30 a.m.: Mother Maria, INT

9:00 a.m.: Nicanor Pabines, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Arenas Ortega Family, INT

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Jose Orozco, INT

5:00 p.m.: John Estes, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Walter Knutzen, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Lily Edusma, INT

7:15 p.m.: Flame of Love Apostolate

Tuesday

6:00 a.m.: Wilbert Knutzen, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Ed Broom, INT

7:15 p.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: William Knutzen, INT

*7:30 am: Alvin Cailan, Birthday INT

8:00 a.m.: Mitzi Jarvina, INT

Thursday

6:00 a.m.: John Li, RIP

*7:30 am: Sr. Frances, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Nori Hilario, INT

Friday:

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

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

8:00 a.m.: Mother Maria, INT

Saturday Morning:

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

8:00 a.m.: Silverio Reyes, RIP

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

Open to the public except on holidays
every day except Sundays and holidays.

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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).

Eucharistic Adoration

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*"Could you not watch
one hour with me?"*

Mark 14:37



"How sweet, the presence of Jesus to the longing,
harassed soul! It is instant peace, and balm to every
wound." – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Patron Saint of Catholic Schools
(August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821)

The conversion of Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton began in 1803 while she, a 29-year-old widow, and one of her five children were the guests of the Filicchi family in Italy. The Filicchi home contained a private chapel where the Blessed Sacrament was reserved. Her first instructions in the Catholic Faith emanated from the silence of the tabernacle.

When St. Elizabeth Ann Seton became a Catholic in March 1805, many of her family and friends rejected her. As she went forward, following the Lamb of God wheresoever it pleased Him to lead her, Eucharistic adoration marked her spiritual journey more and more until, in the final years of her life, she was often seen in ecstatic adoration of the Real Presence.

Be a Committed Adorer:

Make a commitment to spend an hour or more every week with Our Lord in our Adoration Chapel! Go to <https://adorationpro.org/theresecca> to sign up.

Responsorial Psalm

(Psalm 72)

Lord, every nation on
Earth will adore you.

