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On that day, a Shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a Bud shall blossom. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord; and His delight shall be the fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:1-3).

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

Monday-Friday Masses: 6:00 and 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (Tuesday's evening Mass is in Spanish). Note: the daily 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses and the Sunday 11:00 a.m., Mass are all **LIVE STREAMED** on Facebook AND YouTube)

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

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A Letter from the Pasto

Blessed Second Sunday of Advent, everyone! Today, as on every Second Sunday of Advent, the Church puts before us the person of St. John the Baptist, to help us prepare for the Second Coming of the Lord at the end of time, and to help prepare us for His coming in a more mysterious way this December 25th—and indeed every day of this Advent Season and of the whole year. "In those days John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea [and] saying, 'Repent, for the Kingdom of

Heaven is at hand!' It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: "A voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths'" (Matt. 3:1-3)... "produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance" (Matt. 3:8).

Whatever we claim we are doing to prepare for Jesus' Coming, it has to be something visible, like fruit on a tree, something that could be captured on a camera at some point, e.g. how much time we put into prayer, how we treat those we live with, how we use our money, etc. He really is coming, and what we think, do, say are all of utmost importance. But again, we have to be careful of not falling into the trap of repenting and doing the right things with the hope of winning the Father's favor, but rather, doing them because we already have our Father's favor as His beloved sons and daughters by Baptism.

A quick note: This Thursday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Patroness of our country. As usual, there will be confessions on Wednesday evening, which is a great way to once again become immaculate ourselves (even if only for a short time!), with our Blessed Mother Mary's help. And Tuesday, December 6th, is the Feast of St. Nicholas. Then, on Saturday, December 10, the School will have its special annual celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Thank you for coming and supporting our beloved, special School. Too many people know nothing about our School and need your help in finding out about it. Please take a few brochures home to be ready to spread the word to friends and relatives.

Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph, Fr. Thomas

From Chapter Five of Be Transformed: The Healing Power of the Sacraments by Bob Schuchts | 7th installment

After proclaiming to the students all the verses from Isaiah 61 ("The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..."), what happened next is impossible to adequately describe. But to give you an idea, that class is now dubbed "Pentecost Thursday" by some of the students. None of us could have possibly imagined what was about to take place when these words were proclaimed under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Before I could finish proclaiming the Scripture, people throughout the room began weeping—many of them sobbing and wailing. Then, just as suddenly as the crying started, it stopped, and a wave of deep peace descended upon everyone. After a time of profound silence, rejoicing began to spread throughout the room, as our "mourning turned into joy" (Jer. 31:13). One person began to sing a song of praise to the Lord, and within seconds the whole class joined in, worshiping God in unison with heartfelt gratitude.

As a spirit of awe and wonder filled the room, one after another stood up and shared how Jesus personally came to them and healed their broken hearts, released them from their places of captivity, and comforted them in their mourning. While the words of Isaiah 61 were being proclaimed, they said they felt the Holy Spirit rushing upon them and moving through them. The students described experiences of seeing Jesus, hearing Him speak very personally to them, and many said He touched them physically and healed them. Others had visions of Jesus ministering to their childhood memories and wounds; many were healed of deep-seated sexual compulsions and the wounds that underlie these habitual sins.

For me, the entire experience was a demonstration of God's power being perfected in our weaknesses (2 Cor 12:9). Just as the Beatitude promised, the Kingdom of Heaven really did descend among us as we stood there helplessly in our spiritual poverty. Later that day, Fr. Mark and I laughed with the joy of little children. There is

nothing I could have taught that could compare with what Jesus did in the hearts of those students. It turned out that Jesus was teaching me the lesson of a lifetime that day, one that I must continually relearn: I had to let go of my control and give the Holy Spirit freedom to do what He desired. Praise be to God, for He is more than capable, especially when we recognize that we are not! TO BE CONTINUED



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Saint Therese Carmelite School Faith & Academics & Virtue

What is the quadrivium? Excerpts from our 2022 WASC Self-Study, written by STCS teacher Miss Heidi Tittmann

The importance of knowing these natural stages of learning is so the teachers are able to teach utilizing tools of learning according to the natural stages of their students. They are taught through the medium of the quadrivium, which comprises arithmetic (study of numbers), geometry (study of shapes), astronomy (study of sciences) and harmony (study of music). These are the basis for all scientific studies. The tools of learning are also taught through the medium of the higher subjects, which include history, literature, philosophy, and the crown of all subjects, theology.



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Breakfast Sale Sunday, December 11, 8:30am-11am

Parishioners will be selling breakfast burritos on Sunday, December 11 to raise funds for a school playground. We appreciate your support of this fundraiser!

All School Christmas Concert

and Pageant

Tuesday, December 20, 6:30 pm St. Therese Church

Please join us for a night of carols, hymns, and Scripture readings. We hope that our performance will inspire you with hope and joy as we await the Christmas season together.

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration & Advent Boutique THIS Saturday, December 10, 12-5 pm

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To honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, we will have traditional folklorico dancing as well.

Looking for a good holiday picture? Santa will be stopping by! Be sure to wear your Christmas best!

The support of parishioners and friends means so much to the school. We hope to see many of you there!





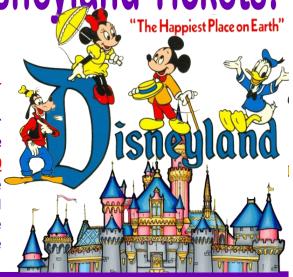
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This Sunday's Music

December 4 2022

Opening Hymn:

On Jordan's Bank, Worship II #218

Responsorial Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13

Jus-tice shall flour-ish in_his time, and full-ness of peace for ev-er.

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Offertory:

Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People Worship II #60

Communion:

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night Worship II #293

Closing Hymn:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel Worship II #195

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

This Thursday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Mother and is a holy day of obligation to attend Mass. It is the commemoration of the fact that Mary, alone of all humans, was conceived (in the womb of her mother, St. Anne) without having the stain of original sin on her soul. (Unfortunately, many people still



think the Immaculate Conception is when Jesus was conceived in the womb of the Blessed Virgin.) Mass times will be as follows: 6:00 and 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (you may also attend the Vigil Mass on Wednesday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m.).

Come join us in celebrating this special moment in the life of Mary, kept pure as she had been chosen before the world began to be the first "tabernacle" of her Divine Son.

Deeping Our Relationship with the Holy Spirit

ALL are invited to join Joe Campbell and Florence Goh for this interactive program series. It began on November 29 and continues every Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., via ZOOM. To register, click the link on the church website's homepage, which will take you to the registration site. After completing it, the ZOOM link will be emailed to you.



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A Spiritual Bouquet to Our Lady of Fatima The Five First Saturdays Devotion

Last month on November 5, more than 50 people joined our First Saturdays Devotion after the 8:00 a.m. Mass (our latest one on December 3 was also well attended). The next first Saturday Devotion is after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

on January 7, with the Rosary and 15 minutes of meditation (we'll have more info in the bulletin of January 1). To sign up or for questions, contact Maria Alejandra at (626) 993-4236.

Made on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, this Devotion consists of:

- ♦ Going to Confession,
- ♦ Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion,
- ♦ Saying five decades of the Rosary.
- ♦ Meditating for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary.
- All this is offered in **REPARATION** for the sins of blasphemy and ingratitude committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.





How to fulfill this requirement? It is preferred to pray the Rosary before or after the daily Mass, in the church or in a group. Jesus tells us in Matthew 18:20 that, "For where

two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." What a great blessing to pray the Rosary in a group setting! If that's not possible, however, you can still fulfill this requirement by praying the Rosary privately at any time or place during the First Saturday.

Sister Lucia on the daily Rosary: Our Lady requested that we pray the Rosary daily. This wonderful prayer is very pleasing to Jesus and to Our Mother Mary, and it is powerful. Deeply rooted in Scripture, the Rosary involves the mysteries of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. There are four sets of Mysteries: Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious, all of which can be easily meditated on. Sister Lucia of Jesus of the Immaculate Heart (1907-2005), one of the three children who witnessed the apparitions of the Virgin Mary, explained the importance of the daily Rosary: 1) It is Our Lady's request. During her first apparition on May 13, 1917, Our Lady asked us to "Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, and the end of the war." Lucia said, "God and Our Lady



know better than anyone else what is most appropriate for us and what we most need." 2) The Rosary is the prayer most suited for everyone. Lucia said that God asks us for "a prayer which is within our reach: the Rosary, which can be recited either in common or in private, either in church in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament or at home, either when traveling or while walking quietly..."

3) The Rosary is powerful. "There is no problem, I assure you, however difficult it may be, that we cannot solve by praying the Rosary. With the Rosary, we will save ourselves. We will sanctify ourselves. We will console Our Lord and

we will obtain the salvation of many souls," affirmed Sister Lucia.

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.

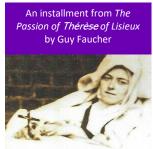


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The Real St. Therese



Now, this "Living Flame of Love" was consuming Sr. Therese unseen in the midst of her most ordinary everyday duties. It was so hidden that her twenty-three companions were scarcely aware of it. What a contrast there was between

what she was and what she seemed to be to her sisters! "Ah! God alone knows the depths of the heart... Creatures are so narrow in their thoughts!" So that everyone's attention might be focused on her, the disease had to strike her down at the moment when the whole Church was entering into the liturgical season of Passiontide. Less than a year before, she had written these lines: "With your cross I am climbing the hill. Come, Lord, and guide my steps along the way." If we wish to know better who this Carmelite was whom we are now going to watch climb "the hill," we must follow her route. The Last Conversations only make sense if we know the "giant's course" of this "unknown person."

To write a biography of Sister Therese of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face, from April 1897 on, consists mainly in following the stages of her illness. The first stage is her gradual withdrawal from community life (April through May). Letters, written by witnesses at the beginning of April, mention a feverishness that flared up each afternoon, digestive trouble, a cough that persisted despite several vesicatories. "My Sister Therese of the Child Jesus is not very strong," wrote Sister Marie of the Eucharist on April 3, 1897.

Sister Genevieve did not hide from Brother Simeon that "everyone expects the Divine Master to soon pick this flower that is so beautiful." She was still living the community life with some mitigations that exempted her from work that was too heavy. The work that she had asked for—to help Sister Marie of Saint Joseph in the linen room—would end about May 18. But she continued to sew, at least until June 4, as she did not want to waste her time. On Thursday, May 26, she did not take part in the Rogation Procession in the garden.

Continues next week

Lust and Powerlessness

Think of a time that you've experienced deep feelings of lust or powerlessness. Specifically name the emotions that you are experiencing. Invite God to be with you now and pray: "Father, send your Holy Spirit to minister to the deep places of my heart during these moments of quiet reflection. Allow my own hurts, pains, and wounds to be drawn into the very wounds of Jesus.

"Jesus, you showed us that the way to the resurrected life is through death to the bondage of the world. Allow me to receive you during this time of prayer, to know you desire to heal the pain and hurts of my heart. Please show me any places within my life where these emotions are rooted (perhaps a memory). Lord Jesus, I trust you to guide me during this time with you. Come Holy Spirit!"

Then write down the negative things you believe about yourself, about God, and about others in the emotions and memory. If the Lord showed a memory to you, pray: "Lord, I thank you for exposing this painful experience and memory to me. Please reveal to me anything you would like me to know."

In our painful memories, we often believe that God was not present to us in those difficult experiences. If we prayerfully invite the Lord into those memories, He will often reveal Himself to us. As you do this, you might see an image in your mind, hear Him speak to you, or just have a sense of Him, which might be as simple as experiencing the truth come against the wrong belief in your heart, which is at the source of your pain. This can help us to know God in a more personal and intimate way.

If you don't experience anything in this exercise, that's okay, too.
Often, wounds and sins buddy up, which makes them stubborn. If that is the case, don't be discouraged! Just allow the Lord to work in His own time.

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ss Intentions

December 3 to December 10, 2022

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Camille Macedonio, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Bette Adams, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Genaro A. Hernandez, Birthday INT

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Stefan Hendra Rahardja, RIP 1:00 p.m.: Mark Montgomery, INT 5:00 p.m.: Ronaldo Cuarto, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Bette Adams, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Deceased Religious, Relatives, and Benefactors of the Carmelite Order, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Nicole Solaun, INT 7:00 p.m.: Arenas Ortega Family, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Bette Adams, RIP *7:30 a.m.: Grace Lowenberg, INT 8:00 a.m.: Nicole Solaun, INT 7 p.m.: Brenda McCarthy, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Vocations to Carm. Prov. of St. Joseph *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns Christmas Novena 1 (for living/deceased members of Carmelite Auxiliary and friends and benefactors) 8:00 a.m.: Thomas Kalapura, RIP 7:00 p.m.: Mary Rose Go & Patrick Rosal, INT Thursday—Feast of the Immaculate Conception

6:00 a.m.: Ubaldo Lopez, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns Christmas Novena 2

8:00 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP 7:00 p.m.: All Souls in Purgatory Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Ray McCarthy, RIP *7:30 a.m.: Maria Estrada, Birthday INT 8:00 a.m.: Vannessa McDonnell, INT 7:00 p.m.: Mark Grobarek, RIP

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community 8:00 a.m.: Hector Gomez, Birthday INT

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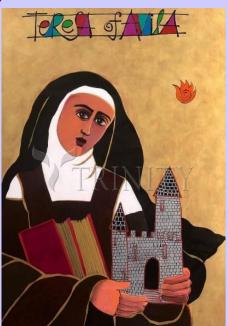
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Quiet Listening Pra

FROM THE WAY OF PERFECTION

By St. Teresa of Avila

The intellect is recollected much more quickly with this kind of prayer, even though it may be vocal; it is a prayer that brings with it many blessings. This prayer



is called "recollection," because the soul collects its faculties together and enters within itself to be with its God. And its divine Master comes more quickly to teach it and give it the prayer of quiet than He would through any other method it might use. For centered there within itself, it can think about the Passion and represent the Son and offer Him to the Father and not tire the intellect by going to look for Him on Mount Calvary or in the garden or at the pillar (Chapter 28, No. 4).

Outside the Parish

ADVENT MARKET: Shoppers! Come to the second annual Catholic Makers' Market at St. Monica's Church, 725 California Avenue, Santa Monica, THIS COMING SASTURDAY, DECEMBER 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Vendors should contact them on their website at www.catholicmaker.com.

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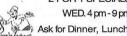
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