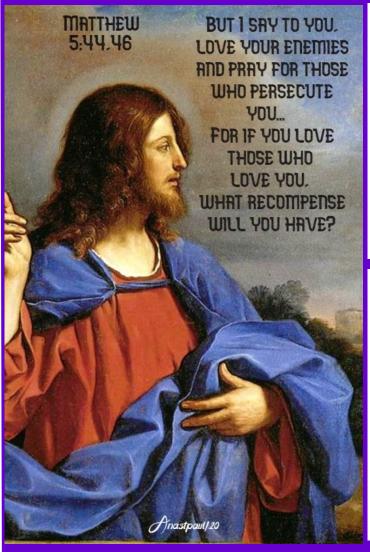
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MASSES | CONFESSIONS

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 7:00 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 I I:00 a.m., Masses are all LIVE STREAMED on Facebook AND YouTube)
Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass

CONFESSIONS (OUTSIDE)-Wednesdays from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

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"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Heavenly Father, for He makes His sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your Heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:43-48).

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Baptisms: Register online Weddings: Register online at least six months in advance

Anointing of the Sick: Call the office



Letter from the Pastor

Blessed Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time!

This is the last Sunday of Ordinary time before Lent begins with Ash Wednesday in three days. As a kind of preparation for Lent and the spiritual works of mercy—two of which are to pardon all injuries and to bear wrongs patiently—let me focus on the part of today's Gospel where Jesus says, "Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Heavenly Father, for He makes His sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust." Here is a story about that:

Some years ago, Newsweek Magazine carried a moving story. What first got you interested in the story was the photograph that accompanied it. It showed three boys, ages seven to eleven, kneeling in the front pew of a church. Below the photograph were the words, "This Was Left Behind." The story went on to say that the eldest boy, Jerry, always turned on the radio immediately after he woke up in the morning. He liked to listen to the news while he dressed for school. This particular morning the news was bad. Someone had placed a bomb on United Airlines Flight 629. It exploded over Colorado in midair, killing 44 persons.

Jerry finished dressing and started down the stairs. As he did, he saw his grandmother and the parish priest standing at the foot of the stairs. Jerry took one look at them and said, "My mother and father were on that plane, weren't they?" Jerry was right. Later that day the children of St. Gabriel's, where Jerry and his brothers attended school, asked their pastor for a prayer service for their three classmates. The pastor asked Jerry if this would be all right. Jerry said it would. Then he added, "Could we also pray for the man who killed my mother and father."

Here are some *misconceptions* about forgiveness:

- 1) Forgiveness means making ourselves vulnerable to being hurt again. No. Forgiveness does involve feeling pain, but not to being hurt over and over.
- 2) Forgiveness means condoning what happened. **No.** We are called to forgive even while NOT condoning evil actions.
- 3) Forgiveness means I need to be reconciled with the offender. **No.** Forgiveness is something we do on our own with God's grace, regardless of whether the other person repents or not. Reconciliation involves the one offended and the offender.





No. It is an act of the will. It is a decision to release people from their offenses against us. They no longer owe us. But to do that properly, we need to let ourselves grieve the damage that was done to us.

Blessed Fat Tuesday and especially Ash Wednesday! (See the schedule on Page Three). And remember that the 40 days of Lent begins next Sunday and includes all of the Sundays of Lent. See you in the Spirit of prayer, fasting, and works of mercy!!!

> Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph, —Fr. Thomas



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Annual Fr. Jerome Appeal for the Carmelite Nu



God bless you all for your heartfelt response last year to the Fr. Jerome Appeal for the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns at the CARMEL OF ST. TERESA IN ALHAMBRA! This weekend, February 18 and 19,

one of the Auxiliary members will speak after the Masses and then there will be a SECOND COLLECTION to support the Carmelite Nuns' evangelical life of praying for the Church and for all of us (See the PINK envelopes in the pews!). All donations will help with their daily needs and with the maintenance of their monastery. Join them for their daily 7:30 a.m. Mass (Monday through Saturday). To REQUEST PRAYERS from them: Call: (626) 282-2387 | Visit: 215 East Alhambra lEmail: TeresaCarm1913@gmail.com www.CarmelTeresa.org (Click Contact Us and then Prayer Requests).

The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary was founded to financially assist the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns. If you have thought about joining but don't feel you have the time, consider becoming a Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary ASSOCIATE! You will receive minutes from each meeting and act as a resource to the Auxiliary with fundraising and other special projects. The time commitment is flexible!

If you're interested in becoming an Associate, please email Jessica Morgan at jessica.morgan@gmail.com. Thank you, and we look forward to a successful year!

omen's Retreat



El Carmelo Retreat House Please join the women of St. Therese Church for a Lenten Retreat at beautiful El Carmelo House Retreat

Redlands (926 East Highland Avenue) from March 10 through 12. The retreat theme is "Peace and Mercy". The Single Room Rate is \$250 per person and the Double Room Rate (shared room) is \$220 per person. This year's Retreat Team consists of: Fr. Gerald Werner, Fr. Robert Barcelos, Fr. Jose Luis Ferroni, and Fr. Bernard Perkins (all OCD).

Applications can be found at the church entrances. For more information, please contact the Retreat Captain, Louisa Day, at (323) 360-5186.

Lent Begins THIS Week!

This Wednesday, February 22, is ASH WEDNESDAY, the official beginning of the Lenten Season. Masses will be at 6:00 and 8:00 a.m., and at 7:00 p.m. in the evening.

On **Fridays, Soup Nights** will be in the Parish Hall from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (donations accepted), followed by **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at 7:00 p.m., which will then be followed by the Mass. Saint Therese evening Carmelite School will sponsor the first



Soup Night on February 24...but we need other groups to sponsor the other five. Sponsoring entails providing a meatless meal for about 150 people and being the host for the night you choose (it also includes setting up and cleaning up). groups who sponsor can use the donation money for their group activities. Call the Office (626-282-2744) if you'd like to sponsor one of the upcoming Friday nights of Lent!

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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Common Core Education vs Classical Education Excerpts from Regina Pacis Academy Website

Private School Settings

Classical education in the private school setting, specifically Catholic schools, is designed to educate children in a **Christocentric environment**. About 78% of students enrolled in private schools are enrolled in religious-based schools because it is essential to parents that their children receive an academically excellent education while at the same time be exposed to the teachings and practice of their faith.

Common Core education principles do not support that balance. Instead, "teaching to the test" is the focus. In classical instruction, the focus is not on rote learning and measuring the learning but instead on fostering a love of learning. In classical teaching, the subject matter is broad, interesting, and not directed by testing outcomes. (Continued next week.)

SOUP NIGHT THIS FRIDAY!

It is a Lenten custom of the parish to hold a meatless meal on Fridays in Lent to promote fellowship in the school and parish. STCS will be hosting Soup Night this Friday, February 24, at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall.

All are invited to attend! Admission is free. Free-will donations are gratefully accepted.

Stations of the Cross will follow at 7pm in the church.

Spring Shadow Days

Interested in applying to Saint Therese Carmelite School? We will be hosting Spring Shadow Days for all grades on Wednesday, March 22, and Thursday, March 23. Call our office today to sign up!



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PARENT FORMATION NIGHTS

"Atheism, Pornography, and Marijuana"
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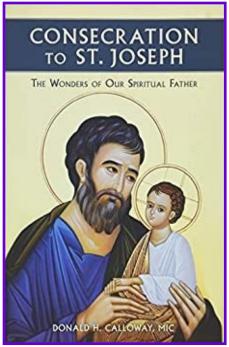
"Awake or Woke: Care of Our Souls Amidst a Culture War" With Fr. Robert Barcelos, O.C.D. Wednesday, April 19, 7PM, Parish Hall



Admission is free.
Seating is limited in the Parish Hall. RSVP is recommended to reserve your spot.
Visit SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com/
ParentFormation to RSVP.

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Consecration to St. Joseph



The next consecration to St. Joseph will be on Monday, March 20th. If vou would like to make this consecration, you are invited to join us at our next preparation gatherings on Wednesdays, February 22, and March 1, 8, and 15, at Your choice of

either Noon or 5:00 p.m. Both times will be held in the Guadalupe Courtyard/Avila Room (please enter through the adoration chapel doors). You will need the book, Consecration to St. Joseph, by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, which can be purchased in the office for \$15. For more info, call Maria Alejandra at (626) 993-4236 or email her at trinity1lord@yahoo.com.

"The Flame of Love"



For all those interested—including those who have not attended any of our previous cenacles—we will continue to meet every Monday. You may attend either in the afternoon or in the evening.

Both cenacles are held in the Avila Room in the **Parish Offices**—

afternoons from Noon to 1:30 p.m.; evenings from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. The Flame of Love books are available for sale in the parish offices for \$10 each.

If you have any questions or want more information, please call Maria Alejandra at (626) 282-2744. When the recording comes on, enter 1 + 235.

40 Days for Life

Pasadena's Forty Days of Life will start their peaceful prayer and fasting vigil campaign on Ash Wednesday, February 22, and continue through Palm Sunday, April 2. Please spend some time with us in front of the Pasadena Planned Parenthood facility (info below) and pray to end abortions there (bring a buddy with you!). Their busiest day for abortions is



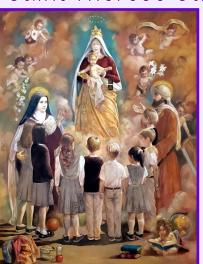
Tuesdays. Prayer hours are daily from 7:00 AM to 7:00 p.m. If you can, come join us to pray abortion be stopped. The Vigil location is Pasadena Planned Parenthood, 1045 North Lake Avenue, Pasadena. Vigil hours are Monday through Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Rain or shine, come by and pray). For more info, contact Rose Curiel at (323) 528-8094 / indigorose40daysforlife@gmail.com.

Learn more at www.40daysforlife.com/pasadena.

Special dates during the 40-day vigil are:

- March 4: Guest Speaker Dr. Haywood Robinson (former abortionist) will speak at 5:00 p.m., in front of Planned Parenthood, Pasadena
- March 12: Midpoint Rally in front of Planned Parenthood at 2:00 p.m.
- **April 2:** Final Blessing and Procession at 2:00 p.m., at St. Elizabeth (St. Elizabeth's Palm Sunday Mass is at 12:00 p.m., for anyone who may be interested in attending).

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The Real St. Therese



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

At six o'clock the Angelus rang. Therese, still holding her crucifix firmly in her hands, looked for a long time at the Virgin of the Smile. A few minutes past seven, Mother Prioress allowed the community, which had been there for more than two hours, to leave. The prioress remained with the three

Martin sisters. Therese asked the Mother Prioress: "Mother, is this the final agony? I will never know how to die!" Mother Marie de Gonzague assured her: "Yes, my little child, but God perhaps wills to prolong it for more hours." "Well, alright, I would not want to suffer for a shorter time..." Mother Agnès then described what followed: "Her breathing suddenly became weaker and she fell back on the pillow. The infirmary bell was rung, calling the nuns to assemble quickly. Mother Marie de Gonzague said in a loud voice: 'Open all the doors.' Hardly had the nuns knelt when Therese pronounced very distinctly her final act of love: 'Oh, Jesus,' she said, looking at her crucifix. Then a moment later: 'My God ... I ... love you!' We thought that was the end, when, suddenly, she raised her eyes—shining with an indescribable happiness. Sister Marie of the Eucharist approached with a candle to get a better look at that sublime gaze. The light from the candle passed back and forth in front of her eyes but did not cause any movement in her eyelids. Then she closed her eyes and the whiteness of her face, which had become more accentuated during the ecstasy, returned to normal and she had a heavenly smile. We did not have to close her eyes, for she had closed them herself after the vision. Mother Prioress then had the community retire, and Sister Aimée, Sister Marie, and I prepared her for burial. Her face had a child-like expression and she didn't seem any more than twelve years old. When she was dressed, we placed in her hand, together with her crucifix and rosary, a palm branch, and next to her, on a small table, we put the statue of the miraculous Virgin.

The Servant of God retained the expression she had when she died. Her head was turned towards the right and her smile was so marked that we thought she was only asleep and having a happy dream. Her limbs were supple until the coffin was closed. The following afternoon, Friday, October 1st, 1897, her body was taken to the choir where it was placed in front of the grille until Sunday evening when—because there were some beginning signs of decomposition—the lid was closed. The Servant of God was however still beautiful, but the veins in her forehead had swollen and the tips of her fingers were a purplish-blue.

A Spiritual Bouquet to Our Lady of Fatima

The Five First Saturdays Devotion

In 1917, at Fatima, Our Lady asked us to make the Five First Saturdays Devotion as reparation to her Immaculate Heart: "I promise to assist at the moment of death, with all the graces necessary for



salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep Me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to Me."

Make a commitment to offer a spiritual bouquet of this devotion to Our Lady of Fatima! Next weekend, February 25 and 26, after all the Masses, we will be outside the church to provide the Spiritual Bouquet packet to all those interested; this packet includes an offering form and various devotional materials. For any questions, please contact Maria Alejandra at (626) 282-2744, Ext 235.

Apparitions in Fatima: The apparitions of the Angel of Peace in 1916 were a prelude and a divine preparation to Our Lady's Apparitions of 1917 in Fatima. In the spring of 1916, three children—Lucia (9), Francisco (8), and Jacinta (6)—received the visit of an Angel at Cova da Iria near the village of Fatima



in Portugal. The angel told the children: "Do not be afraid! I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me."

He prostrated himself with his forehead touching the ground, and repeated the

following prayer three times:

"My God, I believe; I adore; I trust, and I love Thee. I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not trust, and do not love thee" (Fatima Pardon Prayer). "Pray thus," said the Angel before departing. "The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplication."

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Quiet Listening Prayer

<u>Mass Intentions</u>

February 18, 2022—February 25, 2023

Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.: Elayne Hoh, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m. (Carmel): Sr. Teresa, OCD, INT
7:30 a.m.: Tony Meras, RIP
9:00 a.m.: Parishioners
11:00 a.m.: Mena Meras, RIP
1:00 p.m.: Peter Pitassi, RIP
5:00 p.m.: Steven Jay Smuckler, RIP
Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory *7:30 a.m.: Sr. Teresa, OCD, INT 8:00 a.m.: Steven Jay Smuckler, RIP 7:00 p.m.: Robert J. Townsend, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Mary Ruth Rheinschild, RIP *7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT 8:00 a.m.: Anthony Ramirez, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Gloria Prado, RIP Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: John Teng, INT *7:30 a.m.: Steven Jay Smuckler, RIP 8:00 a.m.: David Salgado, RIP 7:00 p.m.: Lucio Lebelo, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Theresa Lim, RIP *7:30 a.m.: Mario Prado, RIP 8:00 a.m.: Steven Jay Smuckler, RIP 7:00 p.m.: Mary Ruth Rheinschild, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Michael Arakawa, INT *7:30 a.m.: Steven Jay Smuckler, RIP 8:00 a.m.: Sunarto Rusali, RIP 7:00 p.m.: Antonio Holguin, RIP Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community 8:00 a.m.: Mary Ruth Rheinschild, RIP

*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel.

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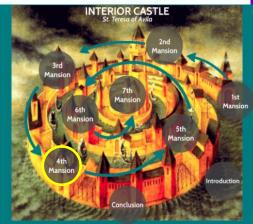
The Interior Castle: The Fourth Mansion By St. Teresa of Avila

The second reason [for not trying to stop our mind from thinking] is that these interior works are all gentle and peaceful; doing something arduous would cause more harm than good. I call any force that we might want to use "something arduous"; for example, it would be arduous to hold one's breath.

Leave the soul in God's hands, let Him do whatever He wants with it, with the greatest resignation to the will of God.

The third reason is that the very care used to not think of anything will perhaps rouse the mind to think

very
much. The
fourth
reason is
that what
is most
essential
and
pleasing
to God is
that we
be
mindful of
His honor



and glory and forget ourselves and our own profit and comfort and delight. How is a person forgetful of self if he is so careful not to stir or even to allow his intellect or desires to be stirred to a longing for the greater glory of God, or if he rests in what he already has? When His Majesty desires the intellect to stop, He occupies it in another way and gives it a light so far above what we can attain that it remains absorbed. Then, without knowing how, the intellect is much better instructed than it was through all the soul's efforts not to make use of it.

Since God gave us our faculties that we might work with them, and in this work they find their reward, there is no reason to charm them; we should let them perform their task until God appoints them to another greater one.

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