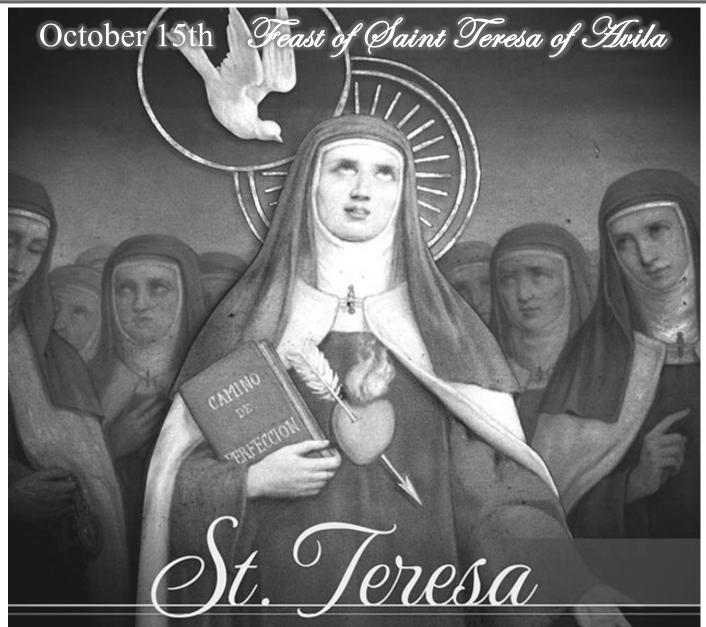


SANTA CRUZ ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS





Mental prayer is nothing more than being in friendship and being many times alone with the one we know loves us.

~ St. Teresa of Jesus



No es otra cosa oración mental, sino tratar de amistad, estando muchas veces tratando a solas con quien sabemos nos ama.

~ St. Teresa de Jesús

October 11th, 2020 • 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The last sentence of our brief novena prayer in preparation for the feast of St. Teresa of Avila (October 15th) reads: "Open wide the doors to the interior castle of our souls so that we may know how to pray." The reference is to the writing of St. Teresa, "The Interior Castle" (Las Moradas in Spanish). It is her image of the soul as a beautiful crystal but she never gives us a detailed description of the castle except that it so spacious and so beautiful where God dwells. Her own experience of the presence of God within the soul – even in mortal sin – led her to converse with God in prayer in an interior way. This, for Teresa is real prayer.

"The Interior Castle" is Teresa's 4th major work previous ones were The Life (an autobiography), the Way of Perfection (for her nuns) and the Foundations (history). She began the book of the "Interior Castle" in June 1577 and finished it in November of the same year. That same period was also intensely active with the work of the reform of the Carmelites. She was observed writing it after Holy Communion with radiance, concentration and rapidly. It is Teresa's best work literally, and is considered a classic of spirituality.

Let us try to summarize the 7 Mansions of the castle and to see how Teresa charts the growth of Christian prayer.

<u>The 1st Mansion</u> is the beginning of real prayer, of intimate conversation with God within the soul. Initially, that kind of prayer may occur only a few times a month.

<u>The 2nd Mansion</u> the soul becomes more attuned to the voice of God in sermons, in good reading, in good conversations and consequently perseveres in real prayer.

<u>The 3rd Mansion</u> shows the results of this perseverance in a good life. The uprightness of this life is sometimes referred to as the "law and order" stage.

The 4th Mansion is a mansion of transition from the carefully upright living to a more generous, ever passionate love and service of God. Prayer deepens in silence, in listening and in searching for Gods will.

<u>The 5th Mansion</u> is described by the use of a new image – the transformation of the caterpillar into a beautiful butterfly. That is the work of God.

In the last 2 mansions another new image is introduced to describe how God is taking over in the soul's journey – the image of betrothal and of marriage.

<u>The 6th Mansion</u> of the spiritual betrothal is highlighted by the many "visits" of the beloved.

The 7th Mansion the union with God, which was experienced in the 5th and 6th Mansions, is now a permanent reality – the state of spiritual marriage. It is a wonderful time of awareness of God as One and Three. The contemplative and active aspects of life are united. Martha and Mary work together in harmony for the glory of God and the service of God's people. Prayer has become a powerful source of service in the church.

~ Fr. David Costello, O.C.D.

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Special Bilingual Mass in Honor of St. Teresa of Avila under the ramada on Thursday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Jose Luis will celebrate.

(the 8:00 a.m. Mass on this day will be in Honor of St. Teresa as well)

Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation has began. Please call the Religious Office Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm or Saturdays from 8:00 am to 12 noon to make an appointment to register your returning child at 882-9687.

Also, registration for New Students for 3rd, 4th, 5th, and middle school and high school is going on. Please call to make an appointment to register.

Due to the Coronavirus all classes will be offered on-line until it is safe to meet in person per the Diocese of Tucson. Fees: \$40.00 for 1 child, \$75.00 for 2 or more children. All fees must be paid at registration.

No exceptions.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

On Friday, October 30th at 11:30 p.m. to Saturday, October 31st. Led by Fr. Jose Luis Ferroni, O.C.D.

Arizona Rosary Celebration

On Saturday, October 17th, 2020 we will have the tenth annual Arizona Rosary Celebration in Tucson. The event will be virtual this year. It will be live-streamed so that it will be available throughout the Diocese. The Celebration will honor our Blessed Mother this year under her title of Our Lady, Undoer of Knots. Our speaker, Most Reverend Jorge Rodriguez, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Denver and an expert in Marian theology, will offer his presentation virtually. You can learn more about Bishop Rodriguez at the Arizona Rosary Celebration website

https://www.azrosary.net/

Santa Cruz Catholic Church Mass Schedule Saturday, 3:30—5:00 pm (English/Español) Confession in Church and Courtyard. You must wear a mask. Confesión en el patio de la iglesia. Debes usar una mascara.

*New Indoor Masses: Daily Mass 8:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday 5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 a.m. Sunday Mass 6:00 p.m. Sunday Mass

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. (English) Rosary followed by Mass in the school field. Park N' Pray transmitted on radio station 98.5 FM on your radio.

Sunday, 11:00 a.m. (English) Mass live streamed on parish Facebook. No attendance is permitted at this Mass. It can be viewed on Facebook, Santa Cruz Parish Tucson website and channel on YouTube.

Domingo, 5:00 p.m. (Español) Rosario seguido de Misa en el campo escolar. Park N' Pray transmitido por el canal 98.5 FM en su radio.

Tuesday through Friday, 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual) Masses at the school ramada.

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Pastor: Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D. In Residence: Rev. Jose Luis Ferroni, O.C.D. In Residence: Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.



Howard Kim/R.I.P.

Mercedes T. Burruel & Virginia B. Tellez/R.I.P.

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Deacon Richard Ornelas & Deceased Family Members/R.I.P.

Frank Leon/R.I.P.

Special Int./Ornelas-Toro Families

Mother Celine of the Eucharist, O.C.D./Silver Jubilee Raul Reyes/Happy Birthday

Sister Mary Carmela of Merciful Love, O.C.D./ Solemn Profession

Richard & Ruth Nenninger/R.I.P.

Special Int./Virginia Montes Anibal Aguilar/R.I.P.

Sister Teresa of the Eternal Father, O.C.D./ Silber Jubilee

Hernan Gamez/Happy Birthday

Sister Johnna Marie of the Divine Word Incarnate, O.C.D./Solemn Profession Delfino Diaz/R.I.P.

Parish Collection October 4th, 2020

Collections: \$ 3,184.31

Thank you and God bless your generosity! ¡Gracias y que Dios bendiga su generosidad!

Service to Our Parish

New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in our parish office. ~ Masses ~

Sun. 6:30 am, 8 am (Spanish), 10 am, 12 noon, & 6 pm

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am & 8:00 am Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil) Confession: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: 2nd Sunday of the Month (English) / 4° Domingo del Mes (Español)

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

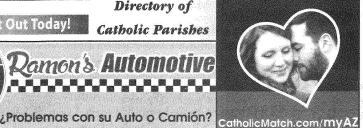
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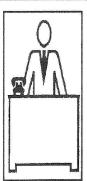


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