



SANTA CRUZ ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:9

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SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Novena to St. Tèrese starts on September 23rd. See inside

Dear Parishioners,

I am sure many of you feel that these are dark times. I hardly need to enumerate the reasons. I remind myself that this is my time to live and die. I was born at a certain time and I will die at a certain time. In God's plan, my time really is certain. This is the time of my redemption and sanctification. As the poet William Blake so beautifully said, "And we are put on earth a little space, that we may learn to bear the beams of love." Let us not waste time complaining about these "terrible times." We are not good at judging the distance between good times and bad times. The reflection below is from the Carmelite Nuns in Lafayette, Louisiana.

"I love all that he does." St. Therese spoke these words during her last illness, when she was enduring excruciating physical and spiritual suffering. We might be tempted to exclaim: "Really? You love these pains, this anguish, this spiritual darkness, and sense of abandonment? God has let all this misery come upon you and you say, 'I love all that He does?' No way!"

As exaggerated as St. Therese's statement may sound to us who are not saints, she meant every word of it. But how can anyone, saint or sinner, LOVE pain, suffering, anguish, deprivation, and distress? Therese was not a stoic, glorying in her human strength. She was little and humble, filled with the wisdom of the saints. There is not one of these who has not valued suffering as a great gift of God because they knew it made them like Jesus, who, "for the sake of the joy set before Him, endured the cross, heedless of its shame" (Heb. 12:2.) They knew that suffering, accepted with love and patience, is the most efficacious means of spiritual purification because it cleanses our souls of the sins, weaknesses and manifold imperfections that cling to us in our sinful condition. And, through Faith they knew that their trials and troubles were permitted by their heavenly Father who is "nothing but mercy and love" and who never will permit anything that is not ultimately for His children's good, even though it may not seem so at the time.

St. Therese is called the saint of Hope. She can also be called the saint of Faith because she practiced Faith to such a heroic degree. Perhaps we may never reach the heights of Faith Therese achieved. Still, this supernatural virtue was instilled in us at Baptism and grows in our souls each time we accept God's will for us and strive to conform ourselves to it with love.

As we prepare for St. Therese's feast day on October 1st, let us ask St. Therese to enlighten and strengthen us in the acceptance of all that our merciful Father sends into our lives. She will surely help us, as surely as she will intercede for the needs and intentions we place in her care during the novena in her honor.

Let us join to make a novena to St. Therese from September 23-Octpber 1.

~ Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.

We invite you to unite with us in praying the Novena Prayer for all your special intentions.

*Oh, little Saint Thérèse
of the Child Jesus and
of the Holy Face,
who, during your short life
on earth, became a mirror
of whole-hearted
abandonment to God,
remember your promise
to intercede for us on earth.
Shower down your roses
upon all who invoke you,
and obtain for us
from God the graces
we hope for from
His Infinite Goodness.
Amen.*

Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation begins September 16th. 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.

Registration for New Students for 3rd, 4th, 5th, and middle school and high school will begin on September 23rd. 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 on registration. No exceptions.



New Assignment for Fr. Godfrey Leega Chandya

Fr. Godfrey has been assigned to St. Therese Parish in Alhambra, California. He has served Santa Cruz Parish since March of 2016. Fr. Godfrey is from Uganda. Santa Cruz Parish, Tucson, was his first assignment in the United States. On Sunday afternoon, September 27, you will have an opportunity to bid him farewell from 3-5 p.m. in the church patio. On that day he will also celebrate the live-streamed Mass at 11 a.m. and the public Mass in the church at 6 p.m. The new Pastor at St. Therese is Fr. Thomas Koller, OCD. Fr. Thomas served here at Santa Cruz from 2011-2015.



Santa Cruz Catholic Church Weekend 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:**

5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass

6:30 a.m. Sunday

6:00 p.m. Sunday

Saturday, 5:30 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, 5:30 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.

Mike Vanni/R.I.P.

Rosemarie Valenzuela/Improved Health

Santa Cruz Parishioners

Maria Valdez/R.I.P.

Rita Vanni/R.I.P.

George Morgan Watson/R.I.P.

Federico Fimbres/R.I.P.

Sister Johnna Marie/Solemn Profession

George Morgan Watson/R.I.P.

Lucy Flores & Gabriel F. Chacon/R.I.P.

In Thanksgiving to Saint Jude

In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/Int.

Nieves Ortiz & Family

Sister Johnna Marie/Solemn Profession

Brother Joseph Mary Tran, O.C.D./Solemn Profession

Brother Juan de la Cruz Torres, O.C.D./
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Parish Collection September 13th, 2020

Collections: \$ 4,303.35

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Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

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

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.

Parish Administrative Assistant: Hada Reyes (520) 623-3833

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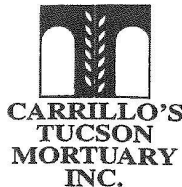
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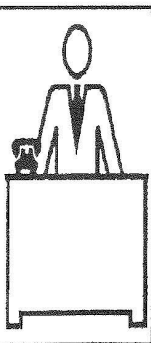
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