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## Saint Thérèse



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(Lk 5: 32)

“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor 12:9) This was Christ’s response to St. Paul as he pleaded with the Lord to take away his human fragility. These words point to a great mystery experienced by everyone who has made a sincere effort to faithfully follow Christ, the interplay of the divine life and human weakness. A saint who has been particularly prominent shedding light into this mystery is St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

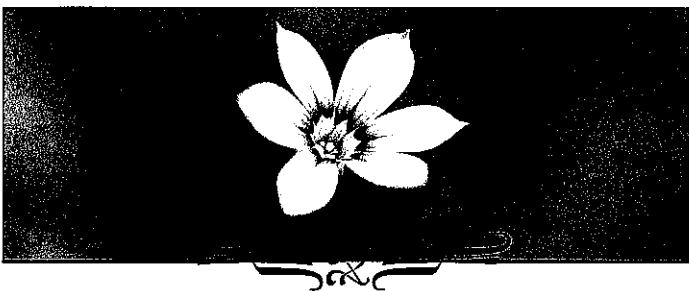
Few saints have had the profound impact she has had in the life of the Church in these last centuries. The greatness of her life and message lies in her ability to take us to the very heart of the Gospel in a simple and direct way, accessible to all. And what is the heart of the Gospel? It’s “the revelation in Jesus Christ of God’s mercy to sinners.” (CCC 1846). Thérèse bears powerful witness that in giving us his Son, God didn’t come for the righteous but for sinners (Lk 5: 32), for the weak and broken, those in most need of redemption.

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Therefore, this Doctor of the Church reminds us that redemption is first and foremost a gift from God and not so much a task to be achieved to prove our spiritual muscle power. Her message is a corrective one to the frequent mistake of being too absorbed in ourselves thinking that Christianity is mainly about us: what we do, what we don't do, how well we do it, making us completely self-referential instead of God-referential. Thérèse shows us not to be preoccupied with measuring our spiritual progress or lack of it, but to love freely and selflessly, humbly recognizing our poverty and imperfections with a constant and confident appeal to God's merciful love. She, thus, places in the light of God's love the universal and timeless human dilemmas of sin, weakness, limitations, feelings of guilt and shame, as well as, the quest for truth and meaning in the midst of life circumstances that can give us the sensation of being existentially adrift. This is why this young woman's life and message has become so pertinent in our times.

It is the message and life witness of this simple and, yet, most remarkable woman that we want to share with all at Mt. Carmel Center in our upcoming Fall program. We invite you to join us and getting to know her whom Pope Pius X called "the greatest saint of modern times" and explore with us new depths of the ocean of God's merciful love.



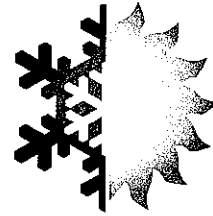
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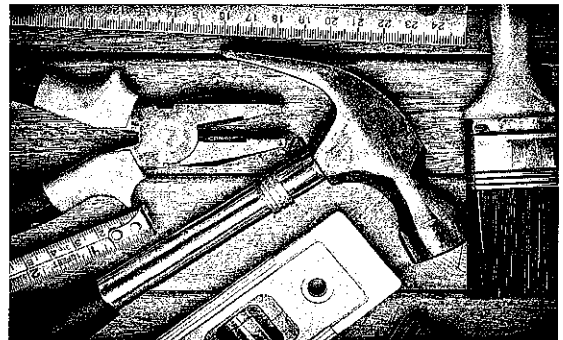
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## Recent Developments

✚ We have installed air conditioning and heating in the downstairs men's and women's bathrooms and lounge.



✚ The downstairs bedroom is being renovated to enable one of the Carmelite Friars to use it. This includes building a bathroom, installing heating and cooling, and the addition of closet space.



✚ We recently held what we hope will become a yearly tradition; an annual Mass on Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Feast Day. Please see the back cover for details.

✚ The program calendar for this summer/fall is out. It's included inside this newsletter, and on our website:

**[www.mountcarmelcenter.org](http://www.mountcarmelcenter.org)**



# Has God Shined His Goodness in Your Life?

*The sun is extraordinarily generous, giving huge parts of itself away every second....If this generosity should halt, all energy would eventually lose its source and everything would die... We, and everything on our planet, live because of the generosity of the sun....In this generosity, the sun reflects the abundance of God, a largesse that invites us to also be generous, to have big-hearts, to risk more in giving ourselves away in self-sacrifice, to witness to God's abundance.*

Ron Rolheiser, O.F.M.

**The Carmelites pour themselves out in service to the Church...**

through countless hours of service to parishes,  
by maintaining a prayer presence in the world,  
in sharing the wisdom of the Carmelite saints in their conferences and retreats, and  
in trusting on the providence of God through their benefactors.

**If God is working in your life...**

through the example and wisdom of the friars,  
blessing you with resources or challenging you to a new level of trust through generosity.

**Then, please support the work of the Discalced Carmelite Friars.**

Mount Carmel Center operates strictly on your donations. Your continuing financial support is critical to our ministry. We appreciate your generosity. Please use the form below and the enclosed envelope.

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## Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

This past July 16th, we celebrated Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Feast Day with a Mass and luncheon with a small group of friends. The event was an experiment for us and we're so happy that it was a success. Our hope is to celebrate this event every year.

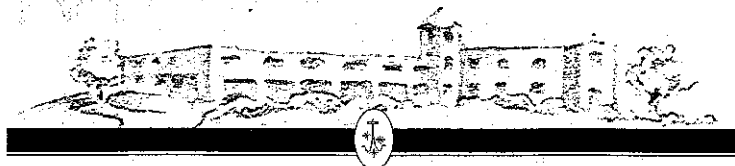
## St. Thérèse Mass of the Roses

On October 1st at 11am all are invited to attend a Mass in honor of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Blessed roses will be given out during Mass and a light reception will follow Mass. If you are planning to attend, you must register at: [www.mountcarmelcenter.org](http://www.mountcarmelcenter.org), since we have limited space and resources.

**Please contact us if you would be willing to help defray the cost, (roses, food, and liturgical vestments), for the event. Please write to: [admin@mountcarmelcenter.org](mailto:admin@mountcarmelcenter.org).**



# Mount Carmel Center



The suggested minimum donation for each is \$20. Please, in order to avoid waste or shortages we ask that you register **one week in advance**. For the latest updates on programs or to register online please see our website [www.mountcarmelcenter.org](http://www.mountcarmelcenter.org) To receive program news and updates via e-mail you can sign up on our website. Look under "About Us/ Join Our Mailing List".

## **Miércoles, 14 de agosto 7pm a 9pm en Español**

### ***El Caminito de Santa Teresita***

Con Fr. Jorge Cabrera, OCD

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Exploraremos cómo su espiritualidad nos muestra que nuestra debilidad humana lejos de ser obstáculo, puede incluso ser un medio para la santidad cuando apelamos con confianza al amor misericordioso de Dios.

## **Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 10am to 12pm in English**

### ***St. Thérèse's Little Way***

With Fr. Jorge Cabrera, OCD

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We will explore how her spirituality shows us that our human weakness is not necessarily an obstacle but can even become a means to holiness when we confidently appeal to God's merciful love.

## **Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> 10am to 12pm in English**

### ***The Discovery of God Who Is Mercy***

With Fr. Jim Curiel, OCD

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There are two great lights that are in constant play: that of our own littleness and God's merciful love. St Thérèse discovered this. We will take a look at this.

## **September 18<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 9pm in English**

### ***St. Therese: Our Guide to Deeper Childlike Devotion to our Mother Mary***

With Fr. John Magdalene Suenram, OCD

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As a Doctor of the Catholic Church and as a model of the Carmelite Life, St. Therese has much to teach us about how to practice devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This conference will summarize her St. Therese's life under the lens of her love for the Blessed Mother and point to principles drawn from her works about proper Marian devotion.

## **October 1<sup>st</sup> at 11am**

### ***Mass of the Roses in Honor of St. Therese***

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Blessed roses will be given out at Mass. A light reception will follow Mass. No fee is required for this event but donations to help defray the cost of the event are appreciated. Please register for this event. Space is limited.

## **October 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12pm in English**

### ***St. Therese and the Priesthood***

With Fr. Jerome Earley, OCD

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As a Discalced Carmelite nun, St. Therese offered her prayers and sacrifices for priests. This program will present her thoughts on the priesthood as well as her correspondence with two specific priests whom she considered her brothers.

**Miércoles, 13 de noviembre 7pm a 9pm en Español**

***Santa Teresita y el Amor de Próximo***

Con Fr. Luis Gerardo Belmonte, OCD

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Exploraremos cómo el testimonio de vida, la sabiduría y la espiritualidad del Caminito de Santa Teresita nos ayudan practicar el mandamiento de amor al prójimo en la vida diaria.

**November 16th from 10am to 12pm in English**

***St. Therese and Love of Neighbor***

With Fr. Jorge Cabrera, OCD

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We will explore how St. Therese's witness, wisdom and spirituality of the Little Way helps us to live out of the commandment of love of neighbor in daily life.

### **Registration Form**

Please mark your calendars and mail this form to us! Reservations are on a first come first serve basis. The **deadline** is one week before the class session.

For more information, please contact Mary Bellman: [admin@mountcarmelcenter.org](mailto:admin@mountcarmelcenter.org)  
or call 214-331-6224 ext. 114

**You may also register online at [www.mountcarmelcenter.org](http://www.mountcarmelcenter.org).**

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Please check all that apply. A non-refundable deposit towards these events as a commitment to attend is appreciated. Any deposits towards events not attended will be considered donations.

**El Caminito de Santa Teresita**

\_\_\_\_\_ Wed. 8/14/19

**St. Therese's Little Way**

\_\_\_\_\_ Sat. 8/17/19

**The Discovery of God Who Is Mercy**

\_\_\_\_\_ Sat. 8/31/19

**St. Therese: Childlike Devotion**

\_\_\_\_\_ Wed. 9/18/19

**Mass of the Roses**

\_\_\_\_\_ Tues. 10/1/19

**St. Therese and the Priesthood**

\_\_\_\_\_ Sat. 10/19/19

**Santa Teresita y el Amor de Próximo**

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**St. Therese and Love of Neighbor**

\_\_\_\_\_ Sat. 11/16/19

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