



St. Therese Catholic Church

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Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

An old cathedral stood on the location of the present St. Paul's Cathedral in London. It was demolished in the great fire of 1666. After the fire, the brilliant young architect, Christopher Wren, designed a new cathedral which took 35 years to build. The first stone that Wren picked up from the ruins of the old building bore a Latin inscription, which when translated means "I shall rise again". Jesus said, "And on the third day (the Son of Man) will rise again." His words echo still today as we celebrate his victory over sin and death in the season of Easter.

This year the ordination to the diaconate on May 28th will have special meaning for St. Therese in that **DAN SMITH** belonged to our parish before entering the seminary. The parish and the Knights of Columbus have sponsored Dan through the years. **To acknowledge his ordination, Rev. Mr. Smith will assist at Mass at 4:00 pm on Saturday, May 30th, and also at the two Sunday morning Masses, on May 31st.** There will be coffee and muffins available on Sunday morning. Thankfully, two priests will be ordained on Friday, May 29th. Please remember to make our vocation prayer a part of your personal prayer.

We are happy to announce that we will again provide two important programs this summer for our youth. **Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) will be held the last full week of June, from Monday the 22nd through Friday the 26th.** Day camp for children in grades 1-6 is from 9:00 am until 2:30 pm. Before and after care will be available for those families who have a need for such care. Youth in grades 7-12 will meet in the evenings from 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm. **Vacation Bible School will be held the last full week of July, running from Monday evening until Friday evening, July 27th through July 31st, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm.** This includes children age four to grade 4. All children who are eligible for these programs are encouraged to mark your calendars and plan to attend.

We have several events coming up that deserve our attention. **On June 28th and July 5th after the Sunday morning Masses, the congregation will be invited to enjoy coffee and something sweet on the veranda** adjoining the gathering space on the west side, sponsored by the Social Outreach Fellowship Committee. This would be a grand time to enjoy the rose garden. Also, on July 12th, the Knights of Columbus will be serving pancakes on the veranda and in designated rooms after Sunday morning Masses. Of course, being outside will depend on the weather. Plan ahead, plan to be there!

The office staff and I wish you happy days as warm weather approaches!

Fr. Hal Barber