

Saint Joseph Lay Carmelite Community #2415, Rochester,
Minnesota Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary
December 2025 Newsletter

Dear Lay Carmelites,

Let us pray this December's Advent as we Receive the blessing of Anne, Clark, Jasmine and Lise with St. Thérèse in her poem *The Little Divine Beggar of Christmas*:

An angel appears, bearing the Child Jesus in his arms; and he sings as follows:



Sisters! I bring to you the Adored,
The Eternal God, so small, so weak;
I plead for the Incarnate Word,
Because as yet He cannot speak.

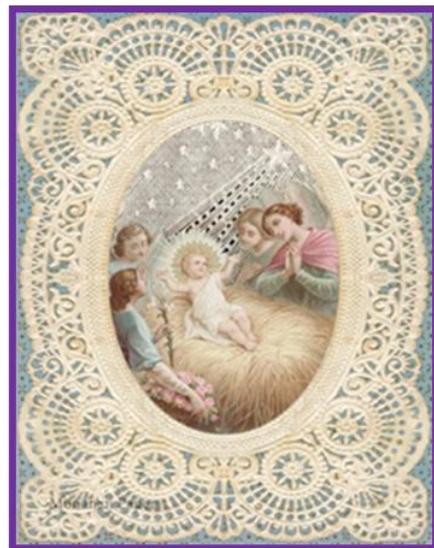
To Jesus, exiled from His home,
The cruel world no shelter grants;
And so to Carmel's shade I come,
To find the shelter that He wants.

Come then, my Sisters! without fear,
Each in her turn, to Jesus' feet,
Offering your love to Him most dear,
And you shall know His will so sweet,

Yes, I will tell you the desires
Of Jesus born amid the snow;
For you are pure as angels are,
And you can suffer too, you know!

Ever your cares, your suffering,
And all your joys so light of wing,
Be for this Child!

Oh, burn with love, for He loves you,
This Babe, who is your God and Lord!¹



December Carmelite Saints and Blesseds:

Bl. Bartholomew Fanti, Priest (5th); St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church (14th).

December Birthday Remembrances in Holy Mass at the Annunciation Hermitage:

Dorothy Loftus-Nall (1st); Mary McDonald (9th); Lise Paulik (11th) Marie Walsh d. (12th); Tia Meyer (14th); Dcn. Randy Horlocker (30th)

¹ [St. Therese of Lisieux: Poems of St. Teresa, Carmelite of Lisieux, known as the 'Little Flower of Jesus' - Christian Classics Ethereal Library](#)

1st Saturday of Advent Dec.6th
 Co-Cathedral of St John the Evangelist- Gathering Space.
 9:15 am to 12:15

Side 1 Terese, Side 2 Dave.

Christian Prayer:

Inv. 686.
 Hymn #56.
 Psalms/Canticle: 770-773. Reading/Ben/Pr: 62-63.

Volume IV:

Inv. 647.
 Hymn 122. "Come, thou long expected Jesus"
 Psalms/Canticle: 787-789. Reading/Ben/Pr: 194-195.

Act of Consecration to Our Lady of Mount Carmel/Salve Regina/Act of Consecration to St Joseph/Vocations Prayer

Lectio Divina: St. [Matthew 3:1-12](#). Paula.

New Lectio Divina Handbook: pp 10-12.
 Free download: [Lay Carmelites, PCM Province](#)

Announcements.

On-going Formation-*The Little Divine Beggar of Christmas*.

Announcements:

- St. Joseph Liturgy of the Hours 2026 Guides: see Michael Kacir. Thank you, Michael!

- Wonderful visit with Kathleen Mulhern in November with Michael, Dianne and Dave!→



- Reminder to pray for Co-Cathedral: SJLCC Adorers in Chapel Co-Cathedral 4-5 pm Fridays (cancelled Nov. 28th).

- Our gift for this Advent: Bring new winter clothes (sets); sizes newborn-2T for Birthright Christmas donation. We need a volunteer to bring these items to Birthright after our Meeting.



Formation Notes:

Advent Ongoing Formation is St. Therese's *The Little Divine Beggar*: [St. Therese of Lisieux: Poems of St. Teresa, Carmelite of Lisieux, known as the 'Little Flower of Jesus' - Christian Classics Ethereal Library](#) Marie assigns roles.

Phase II Year 1: Clark, Lise, Anne and Jasmine: Chapter 1 in [Climbing the Mountain](#) with Terese.

Phase II Year 2: Ruth: Ch. 20 in [Climbing the Mountain](#), 'Commitment to Carmel', pp. 569-600 with Marie. St James Coffee, every 3rd Sunday 12- 2 pm, is reserved for Formation.

Choose your seat!			

Our Carmelite Charism: Prayer, Community and Service

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