

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

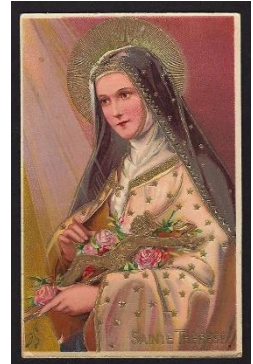
Dear Lay Carmelites,

This February 8<sup>th</sup> during the proclaimed Jubilee Year of our Lord 2025 we are celebrating with gratitude the Temporary Profession of Tia Meyer!

On February 2<sup>nd</sup> we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord recalling our Carmelite Catholic tradition that contemplates through Our Lady this sacred Feast known as Candlemas and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As Carmelites we model our lives on the virtues of Blessed Virgin Mary.

The newly-to-be Professed Tia<sup>1</sup> was baptized with the name Joseph. The Carmelite Blessed Mother Candlemas of Saint Joseph Feast Day is February 1<sup>st</sup>.<sup>2</sup> The Feast of Josephine Bakita is on February 8<sup>th</sup> also.<sup>3</sup>

In our gratitude prayer for Tia, let us meditate on Candlemas/Presentation of the Lord and the role of Saint Joseph, our Community's patron.



“Saint Joseph, as the father, placed the Child in the arms of a priest, who, raising Him aloft and holding Him toward the Holy of Holies, offered Him to the Lord, and after the payment of the five shekels returned Him to His father while pronouncing the words of benediction. Our Savior submitted to this ceremony, though needing neither consecration nor sanctification. The union of His humanity with the Second Person of the Godhead had sanctified and united Him to God in such a manner as no sacrament or ceremony could do. Never during the time of the Old Testament had such a glorious sacrifice been offered in the Temple. Its majestic grandeur shed its radiance over the sacred edifice and throughout all the earth and all times, and caused the utter poverty and inadequacy of the ancient worship to be revealed in a more brilliant light

Another Abraham is here now offering his Son, but one incomparably more just and more pleasing to God than the first Abraham. It is Saint

Joseph. Hence, he has been chosen by God to be patriarch of the New Law. And if Mary and Simeon and Anna were present with Saint Joseph at this ceremony and together praised God with the words:

“God is good and His mercy endures forever; we have received His mercy in the midst of His Temple.” [Ps. 117:1; 47:10]

This would have been the first Candlemas procession, and it was formed by the most venerable and holy personages in all the history of the Church.”<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Tia: “It was St. Therese of Lisieux who led me to Carmel. On her birthday I asked her to ‘lead me with roses’ – and I promised I would follow. I told no one about my prayer or promise. Later that year (Nov.) when Terre reached out to inquire about how my interview went for discernment into the Carmelites – I originally said ‘no’. I felt like the time commitment (not option) and the 2X daily prayer on top of everything else was more than I wanted to commit to at the time. Terre’s response was “Carmel is always there and always open... {she inserted a ‘Rose emoji’}.”

As soon as I saw the rose, I remembered my promise to St. Therese and immediately circled back to Terre to let her know that I changed my mind. Or should I say, St. Therese spoke up and changed my mind for me. The rest is history. Carmel has been a true blessing. I’m so grateful.”

<sup>2</sup> [Bl. Candelaria of St Joseph \(1863-1940\)- Biography](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Mother Josephine Bakhita](#)

<sup>4</sup> [catholicexchange.com/st-joseph-the-presentation-of-the-child-jesus/](http://catholicexchange.com/st-joseph-the-presentation-of-the-child-jesus/)



[Optional Holy Mass at St Pius X 8am]  
Co-Cathedral of St John the Evangelist. Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>  
Gathering Space. 9:15 am to 12:15.  
Leaders--Side 1: Terese; Side 2: **Marilyn**/Dave

#### Christian Prayer:

Inv. 916.  
Hymn #8.  
Psalms: 916-918.  
Reading/Inter/Pr: 919-920.

#### Volume III :

Inv. 1103.  
Hymn 1107. "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"  
Psalms: 1108-1110.  
Reading/Inter/Pr: 1111-1112.

Act of Con. to Our Lady of Mount Carmel/Salve Regina/Act of Con.to St Joseph; Vocations Prayer.  
Lectio Divina: St. [Luke 2:22-32](#). **Deacon Randy**  
Community Manual: pp. 10-11.  
Announcements.  
On-going Formation: *St Elizabeth*: pp.161-182. (includes endnotes)

#### February Carmelite Saints and Blesseds:

Bl. Mother Candelaria of Saint Joseph,  
Religious—1<sup>st</sup>

#### February Birthday Remembrances: Holy

Mass at the Annunciation Hermitage:  
Mary Hayek—5<sup>th</sup>; Marilyn Baker—24<sup>th</sup>.



#### Announcements:

- Holy Mass with Tia's Temporary Profession February 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 am at the Co-Cathedral; Morning Prayer following and a reception after prayer.
- We lead Eucharistic Adoration in Chapel at Co-Cathedral Fridays 4-5pm.
- Dues 55\$ (same as 2024) give \$/checks to SJLCC by April. This includes in actives. Not Phase 1.
- Please sign up as a Lectio Divina reader, treats, leading Side 2 prayer each for at least 1 Mtg this year.
- Please sign up for our Community's service with Channel One on one 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday this year. Contact Niniek with questions. [Channel One — Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist](#)

#### February Formation Notes:

On-going Formation is *St Elizabeth Vol. 1*: pp.161-182. (These pages include the endnotes.)

Phase 1: Clark, Deb, Anne, Lise: Chapter 4, "Part I: Living as a Carmelite: Personal Prayer; Part II: Lectio Divina" pp. 29-36 with Suzie/Paul.

Phase II: Ruth: Ch. 12, [Climbing the Mountain](#), "Clothed in Carmel's Attitude", pp. 281-308, with Terese/Tia.

Formation meets at St James Coffee, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 12- 2 pm.

Table 1	Table 2	Table 3	Table 4
Dorothy Loftus-Nall (Lead)	Paul Byron (Lead)	Bob Kertis (Lead)	Niniek Pranoto (Lead)
Saundra Groslic	Sharon Stanton	Bob Robak	Michael Kacir
Deacon Randy	Slava Dousa	Terese Horlocker	Dianne Johnson
Mary Hayek	Susie Oliver	Marilyn Baker	Dave Reinschmidt
Marie Goihl	Tia Meyer	Ruth Wentz	Clark Amorillo
Deb McCauley	Lise Paulik	Anne Cuccio	Jasmine Sexton
Suzanne Norris	Lynn Gaffey		

*Our Carmelite Charism: Prayer, Community and Service*

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*O beautiful Flower of Carmel, most fruitful vine, Splendor of Heaven, holy and singular, who brought forth the Son of God, still ever remaining a Pure Virgin, assist me in this necessity. O Star of the sea, help and protect me! Show me that Thou art my Mother.*