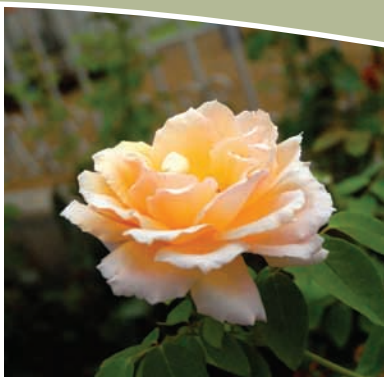


The Rose

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"A decisive turning point..."

We begin the month of October, celebrating our patroness, St. Therese. Let us go back a few years to our early beginnings ...

On May 27th, 1930, the Carmelite sisters in California received a letter from Mother Luisita that brought about a decisive turning point in their mission: "Regarding the property: Buy it." (Letter 100)

This property in Duarte was to be the site of the Carmelites' new apostolate: a sanatorium for girls with tuberculosis. The sanatorium claimed Saint Therese as its patroness, not only because of the illness which the suffering patients had in common with the beloved saint, but also because of Therese's instrumental role in procuring the funds necessary to pay for this new property. In another letter, written on the same day as the letter which advised the purchase of the property, Mother Luisita explains her simple financial plan: "We'll ask St. Therese to provide the necessary money to start the sanatorium." (Letter 99)

St. Therese is known for her "Little Way" which is a simple way of life that includes complete trust in God and exquisite kindness to the people we encounter each day in our daily lives. The sweet scent of the roses of her "Little Way" swept through the halls and sickrooms of the sanatorium as the Carmelites strove to live it out daily. The sisters poured themselves out in everything to their charges, doing even the littlest things out of love for the girls, and ultimately, for their Beloved Jesus, alive within the soul of each patient.

The simple happiness of living the "Little Way" continues to permeate the halls of Santa Teresita. Each resident is still another Jesus and the same gift of self and love of neighbor which were the driving force behind the work of the early Santa Teresita, remain central to our mission today.

"I hope you received the grace of having the gracious and likeable spirit of your patron, and with it, the graces of following her "Little Way" on this earth and of ultimately being her companion in heaven." (Letter 81)



Giving Thanks to The Lord- His Mercy Endures Forever!

In this season of Thanksgiving, we were blessed to be able to interview a couple of our community members from the Good Shepherd Cottage: Gordon Baden and Libby Thaller.

Gordon Baden

Gordon Baden was born in Washington D.C., just a couple blocks from the white house. When asked what he was grateful for this Thanksgiving Season, Mr. Baden replied that the blessing of being here at Santa Teresita is one he is most thankful for. "I think it's wonderful for me to be here. The Lord has been very gracious to me to put me here for my final thirty-two years." He continued with his characteristic twinkle, "I'll be one hundred and seventeen when I go, you know."

In this year of mercy, Mr. Baden also expressed his eternal gratitude for God's mercy: "I haven't been good all my life, but I think I've finally settled down to try to be holy; to try to have conversion."

We ended our interview asking Mr. Baden if there's any small, daily part of life he would like to express gratitude for. The ability to pray was his first thought, and he also added that he is grateful for the suffering the Lord has allowed in his life: "I was born with a little mild cerebral palsy, and I really thought, at first, that it was a handicap. But it's not. It's a grace. It's a grace he gives me every day, and I love it. I know God loves me as I am."



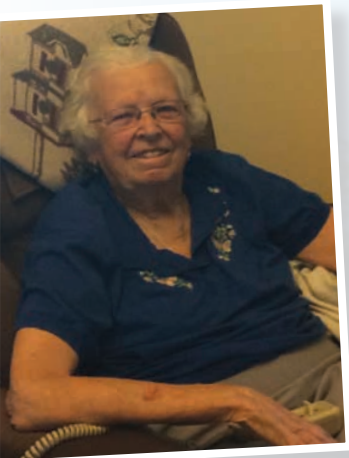
Libby Thaller

Libby Thaller, originally from Pennsylvania, is supremely thankful for three things: "My health, of course; my family; and this place (Santa Teresita) to be at."

When asked to speak a little more about her gratitude for Santa Teresita, Mrs. Thaller stressed that here, she feels at peace: "I'm thankful for the people, the sisters, the safety, and also the comfort. I've been with Santa Teresita since 2008; I started at Avila Gardens. So I feel very comfortable here."

A little gift of daily life that Mrs. Thaller is very thankful for are all the birds. "I love birds." Smiling and directing our eyes towards the sunny window, she continued: "I have hummingbirds that come right outside my window here."

During this thanksgiving season, we give thanks with Gordon and Libby for the innumeraable gifts our Lord has given us, and ask for the grace to always receive and thank Him for whatever He allows in our lives.



Memorialize Your Intentions

If you would like to make your prayer intentions a permanent part of the physical grounds of Santa Teresita and a spiritual part of the prayers of the Carmelite Sisters, we invite you to engrave the names of your families or special prayer intentions with a Paver-Promenade.

- **Paver-Promenade \$250**
Engraved pavers will form the promenade, a tree-lined walkway leading to the Cottage.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR VARIOUS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES,

www.santa-teresita.org/giving/naming-opportunities/
or contact us: 626-408-7810

CURRENT & ONGOING EVENTS!

Call Lucy Anguiano, Activities Coordinator,
for info on events below: 626-733-7057

LIFE Breakfast
Oct 13th Madonna Hall
8:00 am

LIFE Breakfast
Nov. 10th Madonna Hall
8:00 am

Rosary Makers
Every Saturday
Cafeteria, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Family Bingo
Every Sunday
Manor, 2:00 pm

Nov 13th
Outing to Pasadena City Library
Musicale Public Recital
12:30 pm

Nov 24th
Thanksgiving Lunch
Call Lucy for more information

