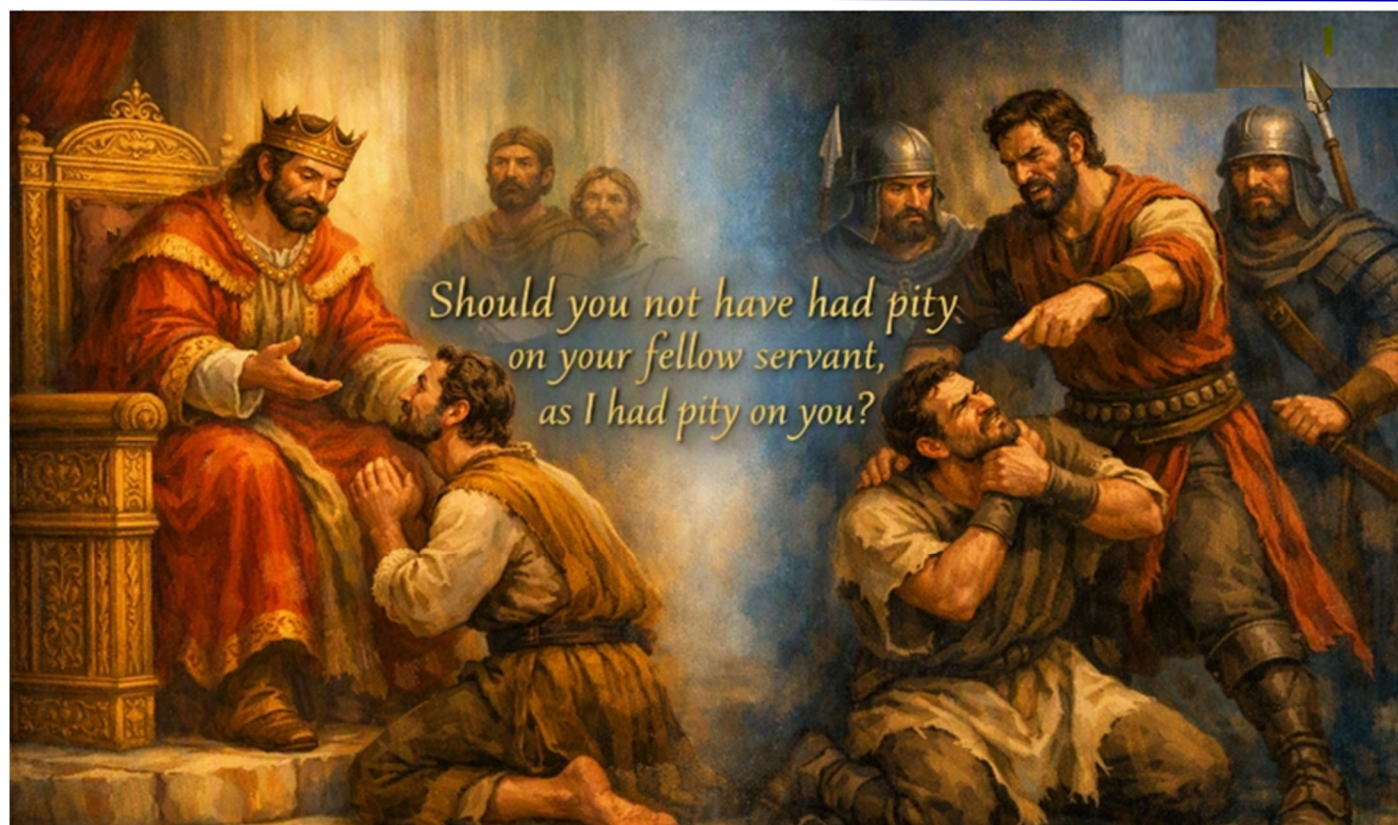




St Therese Catholic Church



September 13, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org



MASSSES | CONFESSIONS

Masses: Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. & Vigil at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

And Traditional Latin High Mass at 1:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday Masses: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m.

Rosary: Monday-Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Monday and Tuesday evenings: 7:15 p.m. Mass
Tuesday's 7:15 p.m. is in Spanish).

Thursday evenings: 7:00 pm Exposition & Adoration

First Fridays: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Carmelite Nuns' Chapel: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.;

Saturdays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and

Sundays from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-1:00 pm | 2:00 pm-5:00 pm

Pastor: Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD: X 1+224

Associate Pastors: Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, OCD

Fr. David Guzman, OCD X 1+232

In Residence: Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD;

Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD (X 1+226); Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD

Deacons: Deacon Gilbert Vargas | Deacon Otto Lacayo |

Deacon Rex Owens: Cell #s under CONTACTS on the

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ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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www.St.ThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

Principal: Alma Cornejo X 1 + 661

principal@St.thersecarmeliteschool.com

SACRAMENTS

- Baptisms: Register online
- Weddings: Register online at least six months in advance
- Anointing of the Sick: Call the office



ONLINE GIVING

Please consider a gift to St. Therese Church.

Open your banking app; then scan this Zelle QR code. Use email donateSTC@gmail.com.

If asked, the recipient is THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF LA ST THERESE CHU.



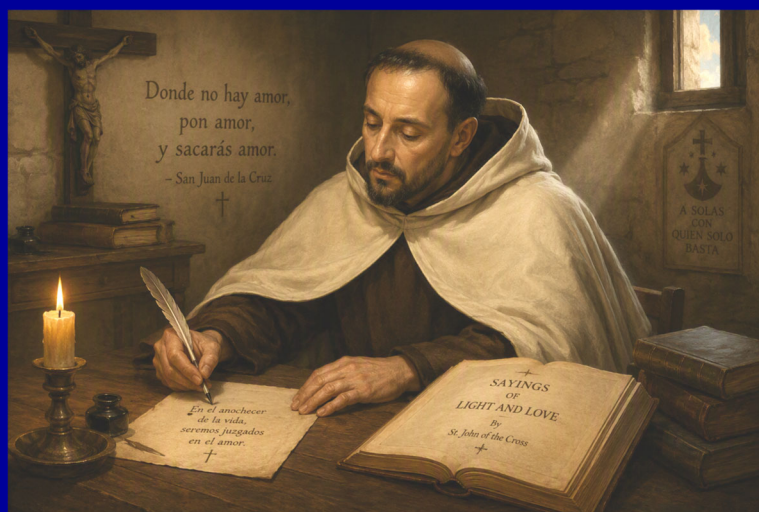
PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

This weekend I will be giving my annual appeal for our Carmelite Classical School. I thank you in advance for your generosity! It is your support that makes it possible for all of our students—half of whom are in financial need—to receive a truly Catholic and Carmelite education! **Please place your school donations in the blue envelopes in the pews and drop them in the collection basket or bring them to the office.** Please also notice that we have new donation cards in the pews for all of you who prefer to donate electronically to the Parish. These QR codes are linked to our Parish accounts only—not to the School account. Also, please do not take the QR code cards home; leave them in the pews for continued use. Thank you!

Let us now continue, in this special year dedicated to St. John of the Cross, to read from his *Sayings of Light and Love*, Numbers 16 through 25.

—Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D.



16. **O sweetest love of God**, so little known, whoever has found this rich mine is at rest!

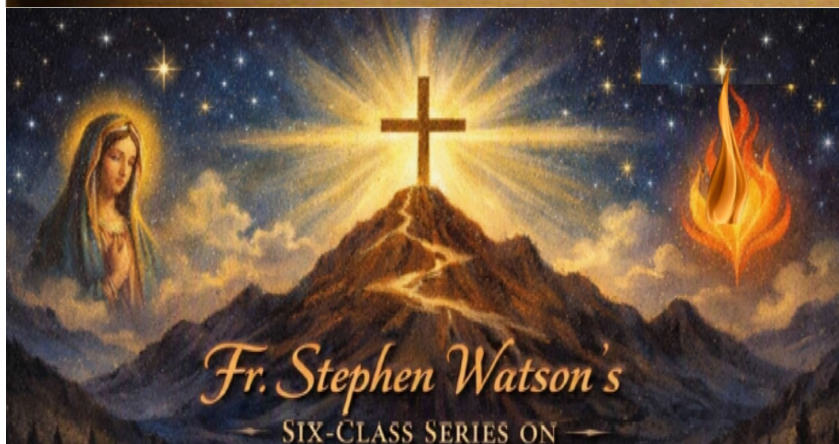
17. **Since a double measure of bitterness** must follow the doing of your own will, do not do it, though you remain in single bitterness.

18. **The soul that carries within itself** the least appetite for worldly things bears more unseemliness and impurity in its journey to God than if it were troubled by all the hideous and annoying temptations and darknesses describable; for, so long as it does not consent to these temptations, a soul thus

tried can approach God confidently, by doing the will of His Majesty, who proclaims: *"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will refresh you"* (Matthew 11:28).

19. **The soul that in aridity and trial** submits to the dictates of reason is more pleasing to God than one who does everything with consolation, yet fails in this submission.
20. **God is more pleased by one work**, however small, done secretly, without desire that it be known, than a thousand done with the desire that people know of them. Those who work for God with purest love not only care nothing about whether others see their works, but do not even seek that God Himself know of them. Such persons would not cease to render God the same services, with the same joy and purity of love, even if God were never to know of these.
21. **The pure and whole work** done for God in a pure heart merits a whole kingdom for its owner.
22. **A bird caught in birdlime** has a twofold task: It must free itself and cleanse itself. By satisfying their appetites, people suffer in a twofold way: They must detach themselves and, after being detached, cleanse themselves of what has clung to them.
23. **Those who do not allow their appetites** to carry them away will soar in their spirit as swiftly as the bird that lacks no feathers.
24. **The fly that clings to honey** hinders its flight, and the soul that allows itself attachment to spiritual sweetness hinders its own liberty and contemplation.
25. **Withdraw from creatures** if you desire to preserve, clear and simple in your soul, the image of God. Empty your spirit and withdraw far from them and you will walk in divine lights, for God is not like creatures.

A SIX-WEEK CLASS SERIES (TWICE A MONTH)



THE LIFE, THE TIMES,
AND THE TEACHINGS OF
St. John of the Cross

FR. STEPHEN INVITES YOU to come and learn more about John of the Cross in these six classes. The first class will be **THIS TUESDAY, September 15**. During that class we will examine the Church's response to the Protestant Reformation, the Golden Age of Spain, and the personal formation and vocation of St. John of the Cross. Who and what are the Discalced Carmelite Friars of Our Lady of Mount Carmel?

IN THE PARISH MEETING ROOM
IN THE PARISH CENTER

FROM 7:30 TO 9:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 15 AND 29
OCTOBER 13 AND 27
NOVEMBER 10 AND 24

CATHOLIC SPEED DATING

TWO TIMES FOR DIFFERENT AGE RANGES

For Catholics between the ages of 21 and 69—divided into two age ranges

You'll get a set of suggested questions to ask and a sheet to record your impressions

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

IN THE ST. THERESE PARISH HALL



FIND THE LOUIE TO
YOUR ZELIE OR THE
ZELIE TO YOUR LOUIE!

About This Event

Go beyond first impressions
with Ignatian spirituality!
Meet other Catholic singles
while discerning God's plan for you.

Ages 21-49 - 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Ages 41-69 - 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Fee: \$35 per person

Go to our website and click on "CATHOLIC SPEED DATING" to register!

- Ignatian Discernment Talk Before Each Session
- Free Handout on Intentional Dating

ST. THERESE CHURCH MOVIE NIGHT

JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL EVENING
UNDER THE STARS!

OCTOBER 3

IN THE PARKING LOT
ON OUR
BIG SCREEN



COMPLIMENTARY
DINNER
STARTING AT 6:30 P.M.



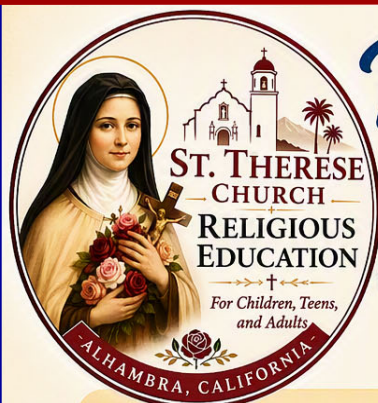
FOLLOWED
BY THE MOVIE

THE CHRONICLES OF
NARNIA

THE LION, THE WITCH
— AND THE WARDROBE —
(2005)



Bring your family, chairs, blankets and enjoy
FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & A GREAT MOVIE!



Registration is **OPEN**
for
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Classes

YOU MAY EITHER



**REGISTER
ONLINE**

OR

DOWNLOAD THE FORM
from our website and
turn it into the offices at
510 North El Molino Street.



Go to <https://www.sttheresechurchalhabra.org/religiouseducationinfo>

Classes begin as follows:



GRADES 1–8, including
First Communion Classes
(10:15 to 11:45 a.m.):
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13



**HIGH SCHOOL
CONFIRMATION**,
Years One and Two
(6:30 – 8:00 p.m.):
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9



**ADULT CONFIRMATION
and OCIA**
(for those never baptized)
Choice of Thursdays from
7:00 to 9:00 p.m. or
Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.):
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10;
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**



The **LAST DAY** to REGISTER is **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27!**



Healing Prayer Ministry **NEWS**



We will NO
LONGER
OFFER
Healing
Prayer after the
Monday
evening
Mass.

However, we still offer:

- Private prayer sessions
- Phone sessions and
- Participation at outside events or retreats.

This ministry will be available **after September 14**. For more info or to schedule an appointment, send an email to hpmstc1@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed for Childcare for COR JESU Youth & Family Ministry

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."

~ Matthew 19:14

Do you have a love for sharing God's good news with children? Our Cor Jesu Youth & Family Ministry is growing, and we are looking

for enthusiastic volunteers to help on the second Friday evening of each month through May. **The next event will be October 9th.**

Whether leading a small group, helping with crafts, or assisting with childcare, there is a place for YOU! **Roles needed: Teachers, assistants, and childcare helpers.** Time commitment: Flexible rotation once a month. For more information, contact Maria Alejandra de Jesus at (626) 993-4236.



Did You Receive A Recent Email from Fr. Peter Mary? SCAM WARNING!

Recently, Fr. Peter Mary's email was hacked. As a result, some of our parishioners (and others who are in his email contacts) began receiving various emails asking them to click on either a link to sign a document or an invitation to an "elegant party" (the emails used his actual email address). Also, if you are on Brother Charbel's email list, you may have received the same "invitation" from him, who was also hacked. If you received one of these emails, especially if you clicked on anything, check your installed apps on your computer to make sure there is not one that says *ScreenConnect*. If there is, uninstall it.



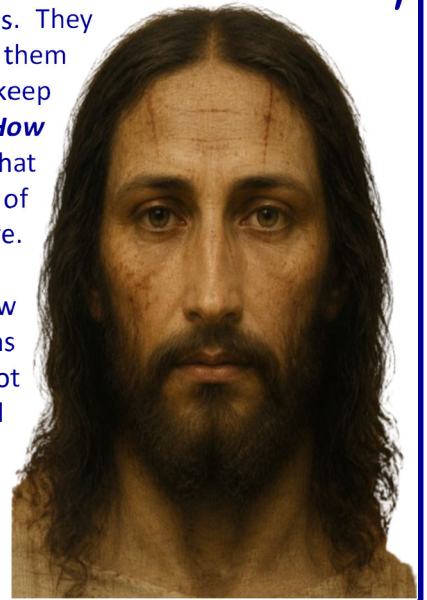
*Remember your last days, set enmity aside;
remember death and decay, and cease from sin!
Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor;
remember the Most High's covenant,
and overlook faults.*

The Heart of Forgiveness (A Meditation Based on Matthew 18:21–35)

When I spoke to my apostles of mercy, I saw the questions in their eyes. They understood justice, but not yet grace. Justice measures; grace overflows. I wanted them to see that the Father's mercy is not a ledger to be balanced, but a river that must keep flowing or it turns to dust. Peter's heart was earnest—he wanted to do right. ***"How many times must I forgive?"*** he asked, thinking forgiveness had a limit, a number that could be counted. But forgiveness is not arithmetic; it is breath. It is the rhythm of the Father's own heart. When one forgives, he shares in the Father's own nature. When one clings to anger, he builds walls that keep grace from entering.

I told them a story so they could feel the weight of mercy—how it frees and how it binds when withheld. I wanted them to see that forgiveness is freedom. It loosens the chains that bind both the offender and the offended. The Kingdom I bring is not built on vengeance, but on hearts transformed by compassion. I hoped they would see that every act of forgiveness is a mirror of the Father's love. The one who forgives becomes a vessel of Heaven's compassion. The one who refuses closes his heart to the very grace that sustains him. I wanted them to understand that mercy is not weakness. It is strength born of love. It is the courage to release what wounds, to trust that the Father's justice is greater than human vengeance.

When they forgive, they will taste the freedom I came to give; when they hold resentment, they will feel the chains of their own making. I long for them—and YOU—to live unbound—to forgive as they have been forgiven, to love as they have been loved. For the Kingdom of Heaven is not built upon debts repaid, but upon hearts restored. And the measure of mercy shown will be the measure received. Remember this: the Father's mercy toward you is the measure of your mercy toward others. Let your hearts be generous, for in forgiving, you become more like Me—and more like the One who sent Me.



The Flame of Love: The Greatest Gift of Grace for Our Time



Night Vigils – Why Are They So Effective? It is the time that Jesus especially seeks souls.

- **June 2, 1962:** The sweet Savior awakened me for the nightly prayer with these words: ***"IN THE QUIET OF THE NIGHT, I SEEK SOULS"*** His tenderness and attention filled my eyes with tears. Then He said: "Since this so pleases you, from now on, when I awaken you, these will be my words: ***In the quiet of the night, I seek souls.***" From these words, I knew that His eternal thought is to seek souls.

- **August 1, 1962:** I was sick. For days, I could not pray because I was so weak.

When I felt a little stronger, I firmly resolved to return to prayer at night. I asked Jesus, ***"My adored Jesus, give me strength."*** At 3:00 a.m., the Lord awakened me by His presence and His words: ***"In the loneliness of the night, I seek hearts."***

Reference: *Building on Solid Rock* Flame of Love Retreats, Session 4, at <https://flameoflove.us/building-on-solid-rock/> (with quotes from "The Spiritual Diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann").

Join the Cenacle: Two cenacle sessions are available in the Avila Room every Monday—one from noon to 2:00 p.m., the other one from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. For more info, please contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.

Financial Offerings

Because of the Labor Day holiday, this bulletin had to be submitted for printing before the weekend of September 5 and 6. So, the totals for that weekend will be published in the bulletin of September 20, 2026.

August 8 / 9	\$21,389.00
August 15 / 16	\$21,850.00
August 22 / 23	\$17,280.00
August 29 / 30	\$17,746.00

CHECK USERS:
Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

Mass Intentions

September 12—19, 2026

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:

5:00 p.m.: Camille Macedonio, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Francis & Maria Nguyen, INT

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Michael Kenneth Cheah, RIP

11:00 a.m.: James & Nettie Grimm, 1st Anniv INT

1:00 p.m.: Elvira Arredondo Velasquez, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Augustin Juarez, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Adhika Lie, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, B-Day INT

8:00 a.m.: Carlos Ibarra & Family, INT

7:15 p.m.: Augustin Juarez, RIP

Tuesday (+7:15 p.m. in Spanish):

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Gregory Goethals, SJ, RIP

*7:30 am: Mrs. Terry Seidler, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Bernie Tittmann, B-day INT

7:15 p.m.: Esperanza Estrada, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Alex Camacho, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Milton Chow, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Anthony Cailan, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Jose Vales, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Joseph Cheah Kin Hun, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Dr. Patrick McAllister, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Lilian Vales, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mrs. Terry Seidler, RIP

8 am: All Humanity/Th'gvg for God's Creation INT

Saturday Morning

*7:30 a.m.: Alhambra Cloistered Carm. Nuns

8:00 a.m.: Mr. Joey Traini, RIP

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel
(215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra)**

***Open to the public except
Sundays and holidays.)**

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

We livestream the daily 8:00 a.m. Mass
and the HOMILIES at the Sunday
11:00 a.m. and the Monday 7:15 p.m.
Masses. Be sure to "tune in"!

Outside the Parish

SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF DIXIELAND JAZZ (SPDJ): SPDJ is holding a **Membership Drive for the remainder of 2026.** For just \$13, you can become a member and enjoy the 4-hour live entertainment program on the day you receive your membership card at no additional charge. After that, members may attend the event on the 4th Sunday of each month through the end of 2026 for \$15 admission per visit. Non-member admission is \$20 per visit. Be sure to tell them Angie sent you! Events are held at the Arcadia Elks Lodge, 27 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia. (SPDJ rents the facility from the Elks Lodge.) **For more information and thee schedule of events, visit www.SPDJ.org.**

SEE THE WEBSITE homepage under *OUTSIDE THE PARISH* for several flyers with details about other events happening near us.

Personal Ads

Reliable and tidy working lady is looking to **RENT A QUIET ROOM** in a local home with access to the kitchen for meal prep. Please call Ms. A at (626) 576-8186 in Alhambra.

BRING COMFORT TO YOUR LOVED ONE. STC Parishioner with 12 years caregiving experience offers dedicated, non-medical hospice support.

- Bedside prayers (Rosary, Divine Mercy)
- Respite care for family rest
- Gentle family guidance
- Flexible and negotiable hourly rates

Call (626) 840-8575.

SEEKING A ROOM TO RENT: Lady (with her pet cat) seeks to rent a room in your home with kitchen privileges. If you can help, call Valerie at (626) 713-4420.