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St. Therese Catholic Church



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Corpus Christi

From Earthly Harvest to Heavenly Feast

MASSES | 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
(*Monday evening Mass followed by Healing Service;
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.

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SACRAMENTS

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

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

Blessed Solemnity of Corpus Christi during this year of Eucharistic Revival in our country! We have the great privilege of being part of two major events on this Feast Day! In the morning, we are hosting 100 pilgrims from Northern California who have been processing with the Blessed Sacrament since May to all the California Missions. **They will join us at our 9:00 a.m. Mass and in the Corpus Christi Procession which will take place immediately after the Mass. We will process on a longer and more visible route than usual, with a Benediction stop at the Carmelite Sisters' chapel. Following Mass, the Knights of Columbus will host a free Pancake Breakfast in the Hall for all the pilgrims and parishioners. Please join us!**



Later in the afternoon, the Archdiocese will host the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at the Cathedral, beginning with a 3:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by the Archbishop, then a one-mile Eucharistic Procession downtown, followed by a celebration on the Cathedral patio. Please take part in this Eucharistic Revival that is reigniting devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament!

Also, **I would like to thank all of you who came to pay your respects at the funeral of our beloved maintenance man of 21 years, Mariano, on June 11th**, and all who gave a donation in time, talent or treasure toward his funeral or burial. May God reward you for your goodness and generosity and may Mariano rest in peace!

Below is a meditation from **Pope St. John Paul II on Corpus Christi**.

—Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.

"Today the Church shows the world the Corpus Christi—the Body of Christ. And She invites us to adore Him: *Venite adoremus! / Come, let us adore Him!* The attention of believers is focused on the Sacrament in which Christ has left Himself: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. It is the reason for considering it as the holiest reality: 'the Blessed Sacrament,' living memorial of the redeeming Sacrifice.

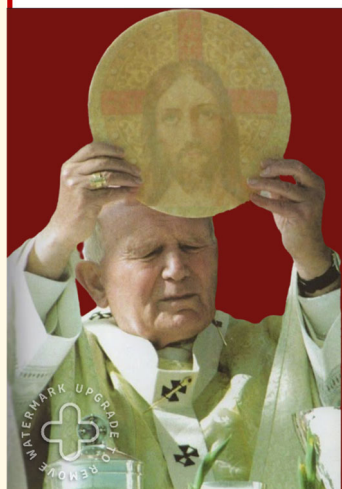
"In the consecrated Bread and Wine, the same Jesus of the Gospels remains with us: He whom the disciples met and followed, whom they saw crucified and risen, whose wounds Thomas touched, exclaiming prostrate in adoration: 'My Lord and my God!' (John 20:28; cf. *ibid.*, 17-20).

"In the Sacrament of the altar, there are offered for our contemplation the full depths of the mystery of Christ, the Word and the flesh, the divine glory and His tent among men. Before this Sacrament, we are sure that 'God is with us,' that in Jesus Christ He assumed all the dimensions of our human nature, except sin, emptying Himself of His glory to clothe us with it (cf. *ibid.*, 21-23).

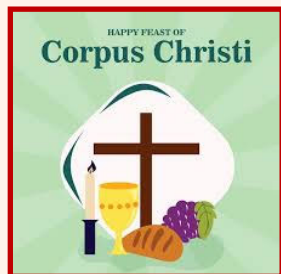
"The ecclesial community responds to people in every age who ask perplexed: 'We wish to see Jesus' (John 12:21), by repeating what the Lord did for the disciples of Emmaus: He broke the bread. In the Breaking of the Bread, the eyes of those who seek Him with a sincere heart are opened. In the Eucharist, the intuition of the heart recognizes Jesus and His unmistakable Love lived 'to the end' (John 13:1). And in Him, in that gesture, it recognizes the Face of God!

"On this journey Jesus goes before us, with the gift of Himself to the point of sacrifice and offers Himself to us as nourishment and support. Indeed, He does not cease to repeat to the Pastors of the People of God in all the ages: 'Give them something to eat' (Luke 9:17); break this Bread of Eternal Life for everyone!' A demanding and exalting task—a mission that lasts until the end of time.

"And you, Jesus, Living Bread who gives life with this Bread of Pilgrims, 'may you feed us, may you guard us, may you let us see good things in our homeland eternally.' Amen."



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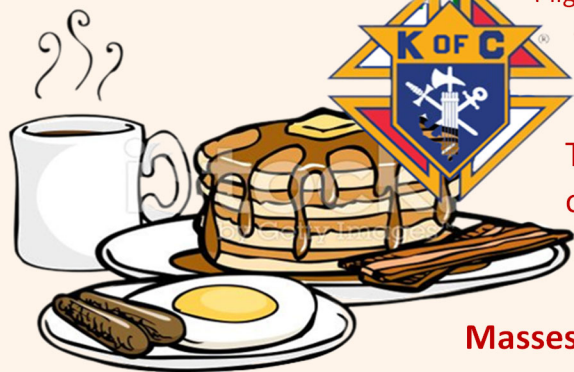
TODAY, JUNE 22, 2025

WELCOME, CAMINO DE CALIFORNIA PILGRIMS!!
We are happy to have you with us this morning!



After their pilgrimage to all 21 of the California missions, the Pilgrims are with us this morning at our 9:00

a.m. Mass to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. They will also join us after Mass for a Corpus Christi Procession, with a stop for Benediction at the Carmelite Sisters' house.



Then the **Knights of Columbus** have graciously offered to host a **F R E E Pancake Breakfast in the Hall** in honor of the pilgrims. You can enjoy this free breakfast after any of the morning Masses (7:30, 9:00, or 11:00 a.m.).

The Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

The Solemnity of **Corpus Christi**—now officially called The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—is a feast that celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Though the *institution* of the Eucharist is commemorated on Holy Thursday, that day is marked by sorrow as it's the beginning of the Passion of Christ. The Church established this separate feast to joyfully honor the mystery of the Eucharist in a more celebratory way.

The feast was officially established in 1264 by Pope Urban IV, following a Eucharistic miracle in the small town of Bolsena, Italy. A consecrated Host began to bleed onto the corporal cloth, strengthening the Church's teaching on the Real Presence. At the same time, a visionary Belgian nun, St. Juliana of Liège, had been promoting the idea of such a feast. Her visions and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament deeply influenced the Church. The feast also served to counter the growing heresies of the time, particularly doubts surrounding the doctrine of transubstantiation.

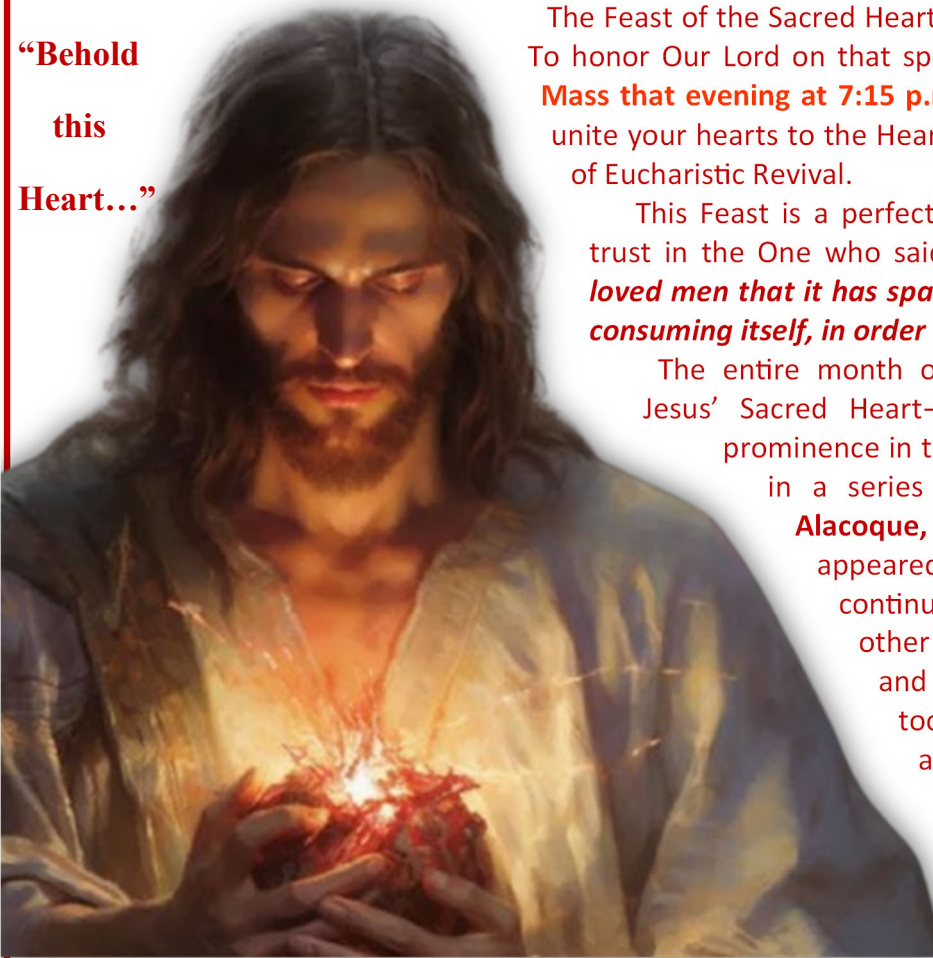
Here at St. Therese Church, we are marking this special day with a Corpus Christi procession following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We are especially blessed to welcome the Camino de California pilgrims, who have been journeying to the California Missions on a Eucharistic pilgrimage in honor of the Jubilee Year. They will join us in processing with the Eucharist through the streets around our church—stopping for Benediction at the convent of the Carmelite Sisters—a beautiful reminder that Christ walks among His people.

The Carmelite Foundress, St. Teresa of Ávila, once wrote, *"If I had understood the grandeur of the Eucharist earlier in life, I would never have wasted a single moment that I could have spent before the Blessed Sacrament."* Let us be reminded today that the Body of Christ is not just a doctrine—it is a Person, our Divine Lord, who remains with us in love.



Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart

“Behold
this
Heart...”



The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is this **THIS Friday, June 27**. To honor Our Lord on that special day, we will celebrate an **extra Mass that evening at 7:15 p.m.** All are encouraged to attend and unite your hearts to the Heart of Jesus, especially during this time of Eucharistic Revival.

This Feast is a perfect opportunity to renew our love and trust in the One who said, ***“Behold this Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself, in order to testify its love.”***

The entire month of June is traditionally dedicated to Jesus’ Sacred Heart—a tradition that gained universal prominence in the 17th century after Jesus appeared in a series of visions to **St. Margaret Mary Alacoque**, a French Visitation nun. Jesus first appeared to her in December of 1673 and continued to do so for 18 months, with other apparitions occurring between 1674 and 1675. The most important apparition took place on June 16, 1675, when He asked for a feast to be established in honor of His Sacred Heart, promising blessings for those who would honor Him in this way. **Other things that Jesus said to St. Margaret Mary (and to all**

who show Him their love and devotion) are:

- **"Be Open to Me":** St Margaret Mary Alacoque was encouraged to be open to Jesus's will and to serve Him as an instrument to draw hearts to His love.
- **"Fear Nothing":** Jesus reassured her that He would reign despite His enemies and those who would oppose Him. He also promised that He would protect and secure her.
- **"A Place of Refuge...":** Jesus told St. Margaret Mary that He was a Place of Refuge where all things would be made easy.
- **"I am Thy Protector and Surety":** Jesus assured her that He was her protector and surety, and that within her soul He had established His reign of peace and—in her heart—His reign of love.
- **"I am Here to Help You":** Jesus told St. Margaret Mary that He would sustain her through the crosses she would bear and that she should always trust in Him, allowing Him to do His will in her.

Financial Offerings

The Parish Secretary/Bulletin Editor is out of the office until July 7. As all the bulletins from June 22 through July 6 had to be submitted by June 13 (her last day), there will be no updates to the offering stats until the July 13 bulletin. The figures to the right are the latest updates we have to report.

May 17 / 18	\$12,522.00
May 24 / 25	\$18,331.00
May 31 / June 1	\$15,339.00
June 7 / 8	\$15,209.00

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Laud, O Zion, your salvation,
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Christ, your King and Shepherd true:

Bring Him all the praise you know,
He is more than you bestow.
Never can you reach His due.

Special theme for glad thanksgiving
Is the quick'ning and the living
Bread today before you set:

From His hands of old partaken,
As we know, by faith unshaken,
Where the Twelve at Supper met.

Full and clear ring out your chanting,
Joy nor sweetest grace be wanting,
from your heart let praises burst:

For today the feast is holden,
When the institution olden
Of that Supper was rehearsed.

Here the new law's new oblation,
By the new King's revelation,
Ends the form of ancient rite:

Now the new the old effaces,
Truth away the shadow chases,
Light dispels the gloom of night.

What He did at Supper seated,
Christ ordained to be repeated,
His memorial ne'er to cease:

And His rule for guidance taking,
Bread and wine we hallow, making
Thus our sacrifice of peace.

This the truth each Christian learns,
Bread into His Flesh He turns,
To His precious Blood the wine:

Sight has fail'd, nor thought conceives,
But a dauntless faith believes,
Resting on a pow'r divine.

Here beneath these signs are hidden
Priceless things to sense forbidden;
Signs, not things are all we see:

Blood is poured and Flesh is broken,
Yet in either wondrous token
Christ entire we know to be.

Whoso of this Food partakes,
Does not rend the Lord nor breaks;
Christ is whole to all that taste:

Thousands are, as one, receivers,
One, as thousands of believers,
Eats of Him who cannot waste.

Bad and good the feast are sharing,
Of what divers dooms preparing,
Endless death, or endless life.

Life to these, to those damnation,
See how like participation
Is with unlike issues rife.

When the Sacrament is broken,
Doubt not, but believe 'tis spoken,
That each sever'd outward token
doth the very whole contain.

Nought the precious gift divides,
Breaking but the sign betides

Jesus still the same abides,
still unbroken does remain.

Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel

A Triduum will be celebrated by Fr. Stephen Watson to prepare for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patroness of the Carmelite Order. The Triduum dates are: Sunday, July 13: HOLY HOUR at 7:00 p.m., with a talk by Fr. Stephen; Monday, July 14: Mass at 7:00 p.m., and Tuesday, July 15: Solemn Vespers at 6:30 p.m., followed by Mass. Note: The Masses will be at 7:00—not 7:15. Tuesday's Mass will NOT be in Spanish that evening. The Feast day Mass will be on Wednesday, July 16, at 7:00 p.m., which will be a Choral Mass, celebrated by Fr. Stephen.



There will **NO CONFESSIONS** that Wednesday!

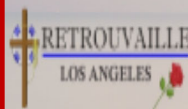
Also as preparation for the Feast, we will pray a Novena to Our Lady after each of the Masses from July 7 through 15. The Novena prayer will be published in the bulletin the weekend of July 5 and 6.



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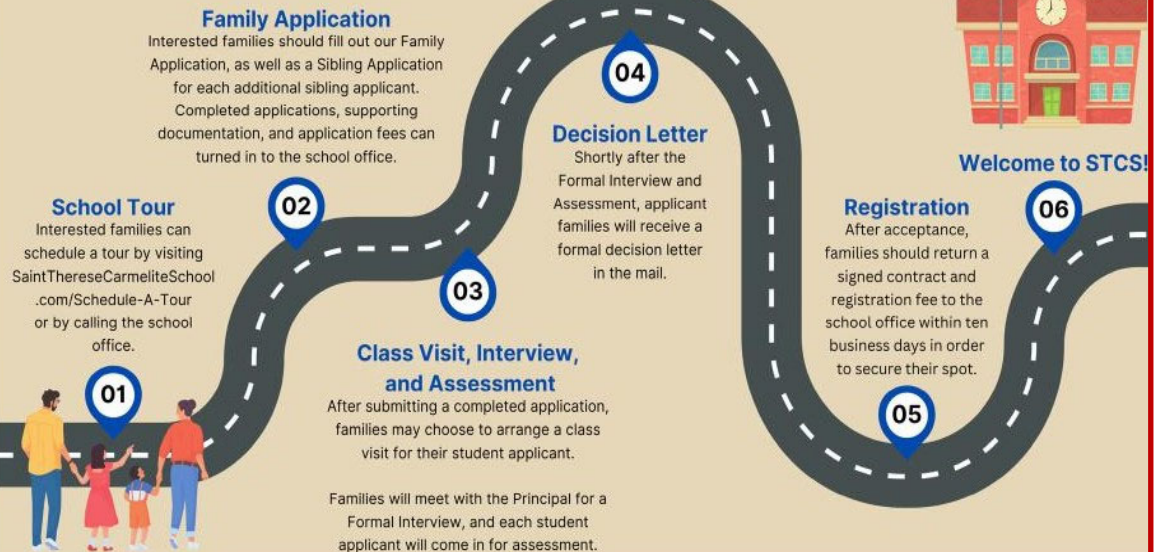
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National Eucharistic Revival



Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 31: The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist

As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal states, "The Mass consists in some sense of two parts, namely the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist—these being so closely interconnected that they form but one single act of worship. For in the Mass is spread the table both of God's Word and of the Body of Christ, and from it the faithful are to be instructed and refreshed" (GIRM, 28, also cf. SC 56, 48, 51).

Pope St. John Paul II reflected on how the unity of the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist goes back to the early Church: "We are well aware that from the earliest times the celebration of the Eucharist has been linked not only with prayer but also with the reading of Sacred Scripture and with singing by the whole assembly. As a result, it has long been possible to apply to the Mass the comparison, made by the Fathers, with the two tables, at which the Church prepares for her children the Word of God and the Eucharist; that is, the bread of the Lord" (Dominicae Cenae, 10). This image of the two tables illustrates for us that we are fed in two main ways through the Mass: through the hearing of God's Word to us and through the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Source: Fr. Luke Spannagel's blog at <https://www.stphils.com/Church/Eucharistic-revival-walk-through-the-Mass/>

Mass Intentions

June 21—June 28, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Fr. Raymond Finerty, OP, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 am: Carmel of St. Teresa, INT

7:30 a.m.: Discerners for Carmelite
Vocations & Fr. Matthias, Voc. Dir, INT

9:00 a.m.: Suzie Andres, INT

11:00 a.m.: Parishioners

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Father's Day Novena 7

5:00 p.m.: Gilberto Gomez, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 8

*7:30 am: Richard Peter Macedonio, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Mr. and Mrs. Go Seng Tian, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Angel Avalos, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Cristina Lozano & Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Arthur Lowenberg, RIP

8:00 am: Father's Day Novena 9

7:15 p.m.: Basilio Aquino, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Cesar Claverol, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Mane Sia V. Alaras, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Vivian Nitsch, Birthday INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Belen Juarez, RIP

7:30 am: Peter & Moira Kretschmer, 4th Ann.

8:00 a.m.: Natalie Grimm, 16th B-Day INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory RIP

7:30 am: Stephanie Seitz, INT

8:00 am: Mike & Kayla Murphy 5th Ann. INT

Saturday Morning

7:30 a.m.: Cloistered Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Lopez Cifuentes Family INT

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

(Open to the public except holidays)
except on Sundays and some 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"!

Pilgrimages

"JUBILEE OF HOPE" PILGRIMAGE TO ALABAMA! SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT AND EWTN, home of Mother Angelica, July 15-23, 2025, with Fr. Huy Nguyen. Daily Mass with the Poor Claire cloistered nuns, a healing service and spiritual talks by the Franciscan friars, a visit to the Pope St. John Paul II Eucharistic Museum, a rosary procession to a replica of Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto and the Stations of the Eucharist. We'll attend a world-wide televised Mass at EWTN and so much more! Enjoy peace and tranquility along with fun, fellowship, and great southern hospitality. For more info please contact Albert and Mary Helen Estrada: (626) 533-4839. Limited spots available.

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE, AND ITALY with Fr. Julius Ntalo, OCD: Join this 14-day pilgrimage from July 11 to 24, 2025, to all four countries listed in the title. For more info and to receive an itinerary, contact ABM Tours at 310-514-3323 or 408-903-6305 or maddatubeth2@gmail.com. See more info at abmtours.com.

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE (JUBILEE 2025) TO ITALY - Rome, Naples & Florence - AUGUST 25 - SEPTEMBER 2—Roundtrip non-stop flight from LA to Rome on Norse Atlantic Airways in Premium Classic, six nights at well-located historic and comfortable city-center accommodations with private bath and AC. Daily Holy Mass, breakfast & dinner. \$4280 (double rm. occupancy) from LAX / +\$395 single room supplement. For itinerary, contact: Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186 or call Sacred Heart Tours at 1-845-594-2222 (P.O. Box 384 - Burton, TX 77835).



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