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When the hour came, Jesus took His place at table with the apostles. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I shall not eat it again until there is fulfillment in the Kingdom of God" (Luke 22:14-16).

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.

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

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or on the Church's website >Our School> Videos



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,

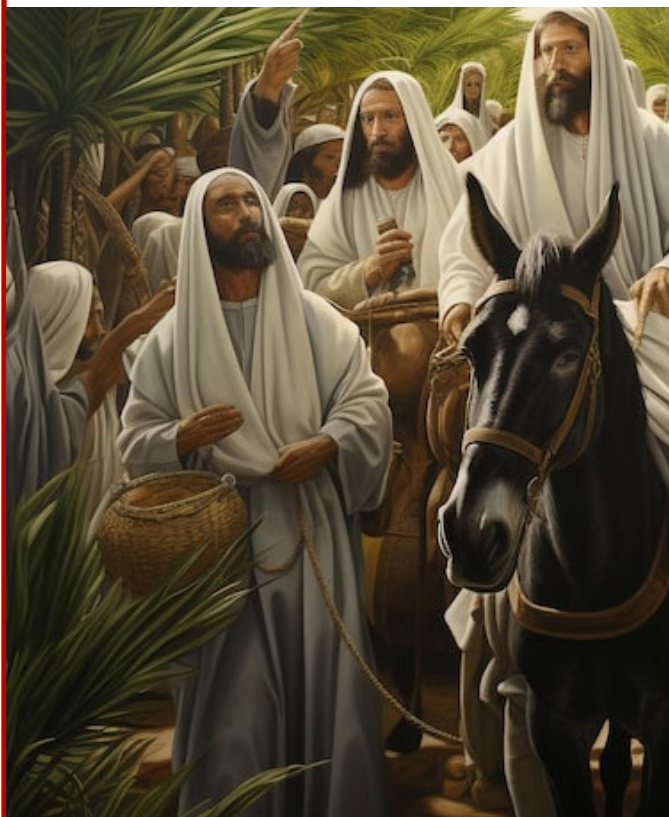
I wish you and your families a Blessed Holy Week! May you go deeper into the Sacred Mysteries that we celebrate during this holiest week of the year!

Below is a meditation from St. John Paul II on Palm Sunday.

—Fr. Peter

“The Easter Mystery that we will relive during the days of Holy Week is always present. Today, we are contemporaries of the Lord and, like the multitude in Jerusalem and like the disciples and the women, we are called to decide if we are to be with Him or flee—or just be spectators at His death.

“Every year in Holy Week, the curtain rises once again on the great scene in which the definitive drama is decided, not only for one generation, but for all humanity and for each person. The Passion narrative points out the fidelity of Christ, contrasted with human



infidelity. In the hour of His trial, while the disciples and even Peter abandon Jesus (Matthew 26:56), He remains faithful, willing to pour out His blood to bring to fulfillment the mission the Father has entrusted to Him. Beside Him is Mary, silent and suffering.

“Learn from Jesus and from His—and our—Mother. The real strength of a man lies in the fidelity of his witness to the truth and in his resisting flattery, threats, misunderstandings, blackmail, even harsh and relentless persecution. This is the path on which our Redeemer calls us to follow Him.

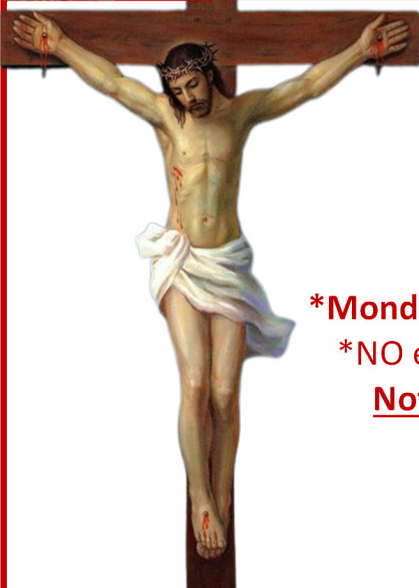
“Only if you are ready to do this will you become what Jesus expects of you; that is, ‘the salt of the earth’ and ‘the light of the world’ (Matthew 5:13-14). The liturgy invites us to climb towards Jerusalem with Jesus, hailed by the young Jews. In a little while He ‘will have to suffer and on the third day

rise from the dead’ (Luke 24:46). St. Paul has reminded us that Jesus ‘emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant’ (Philippians 2:7) to obtain for us the grace of Divine Sonship. From Him springs the true spring of peace and joy for each one of us! Here is the secret of the Easter joy that is born from the hardship of the Passion.”



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 13 – April 20, 2025



Confessions

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15 and 16: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 19: 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20: No confessions at any time

Masses and Services

*Monday – *Wednesday (April 14 - April 16): 6:00 & 8:00 a.m.

*NO evening Mass these days. Mass is at **7:30 am** at the Carmel.

Note: No morning Masses on Holy Thursday or Holy Saturday;
Mass is never celebrated on Good Friday.

Holy Wednesday

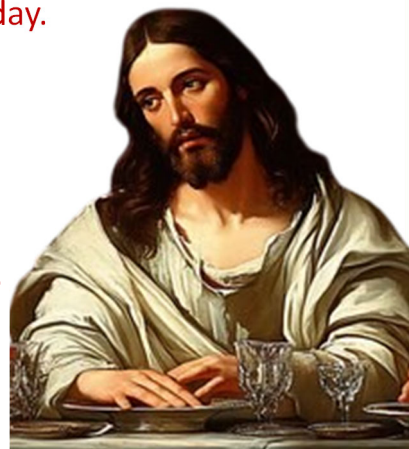
Tenebrae Service: **7:00 p.m.**

(See Page Four for an explanation)

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper (Washing of the Feet Service): **7:15 p.m.**

*Mass at the Carmel: **5:00 p.m.** (*No Washing of the Feet)



Good Friday

12:00 p.m.: Way of the Cross

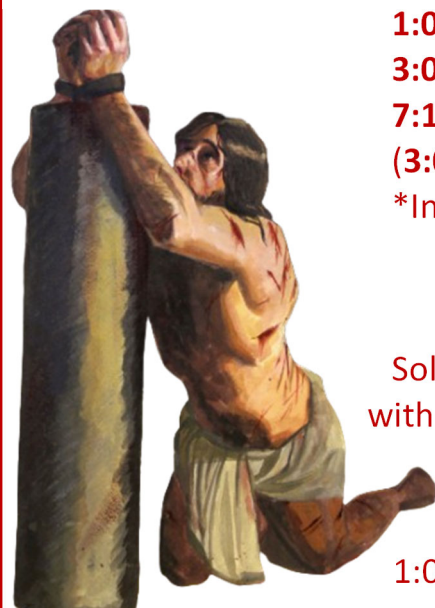
1:00 p.m.: Reflections on the Seven Last Words

3:00 p.m.: Sacred Liturgy*

7:15 p.m.: Sacred Liturgy* Repeated

(**3:00 p.m.:** Sacred Liturgy* at the Cloistered Nuns' Chapel)

*Includes distribution of Holy Communion



Holy Saturday

Solemn Easter Vigil Mass: **8:15 p.m.** (The Mass begins with the lighting of the Easter fire in front of the church)

Easter Sunday

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and
1:00 p.m. in Traditional Latin (NO 5:00 p.m. Mass)

ALL MASSES AND SERVICES ARE IN ENGLISH ONLY, EXCEPT FOR THE LATIN MASS.

PLEASE NOTE: As shown above, there are NO evening Masses scheduled for Monday through Wednesday and NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

Vespers Service

Tenebrae Service



Plainchant

VESPERS

Evening Prayer

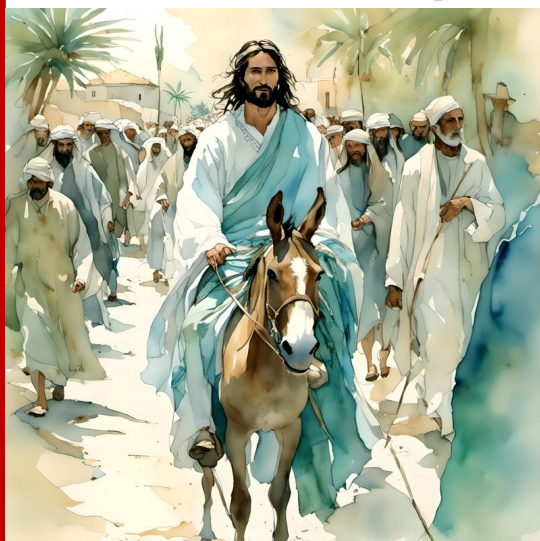
Final Lenten Vespers Today!

Join us for a special Tenebrae service in the church at 7:00 p.m. **THIS WEDNESDAY, April 14.** The name Tenebrae means “shadows” or “darkness” in Latin and comes from a portion of the service that quotes Scripture: “darkness came over the whole land” (Matthew 27:45) at Christ’s death. The Tenebrae service consists of nine psalms, nine readings and nine responses. There is a hearse (candelabra) with fifteen candles that are extinguished throughout the service.

The setting of Psalm 51, the *Miserere Mei Deus* by Gregorio Allegri—composed during the reign of Pope Urban VIII for the Sistine Chapel’s exclusive use—was for Tenebrae, as traditionally the service would close with this Psalm.

Dom Guéranger wrote, “the desertion on the part of His Apostles and Disciples is expressed by the candles being extinguished, one after the other.” The great noise at the end of the service expresses “the convulsions of nature, when Jesus expired on the Cross: the earth shook, the rocks were split, and the dead came forth from their tombs.”

Our King Enters in Humility



Palm Sunday marks the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, beginning the holiest week in the Christian calendar. Its celebration dates back to the early centuries of Christianity, when believers in Jerusalem reenacted the Gospel accounts by processing with palm branches, just as the crowds had done on that first Palm Sunday. As Jesus rode a donkey—a symbol of peace—into the city, the people laid palms and cloaks on the road before Him, shouting “Hosanna!” which means “Save us, we pray!” It was a joyful moment, yet one tinged with deep foreshadowing.

The meaning of Palm Sunday lies in its paradox: the King of Kings comes not with might and armies, but in humility and mercy. It reminds us that Christ’s path to glory is through the cross. While the crowds welcomed Him with praise, by week’s end those same voices would cry out for His crucifixion. Palm Sunday calls us to examine our hearts—are we truly ready to follow Jesus, not just in the joyful moments, but all the way to Calvary?

As we hold our palms and enter Holy Week, we are invited to walk more closely with Christ: to praise Him, to weep with Him, and to prepare our hearts for the victory of Easter. The palms we receive are not just decorative; they are symbols of discipleship—reminders that following Jesus means laying down our pride and walking with Him in faith, hope, and love.

Easter Novena of Masses



To enroll
your loved
one (living
or
deceased)
into the

Easter Novena of Masses, write their names on any envelope and enclose an offering in it. Nine Masses from April 21 through 29 will be offered for all those enrolled. You may use your own card to notify those you enroll.



Please help us to decorate the church for Easter Sunday. Just pick up one of the Flower Offering envelopes (located on the tables and the pews)—like the one pictured above—and return it with your enclosed offering.

Enter the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope, and they will be included in a Memorial Mass to be offered later in the year.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

March 5 - April 13

Ends April 13! Pasadena Planned Parenthood
1045 N Lake Avenue, Pasadena
Monday-Saturday 7:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

- Mark these dates on your calendar—
- Knights of Columbus Rosary Saturdays 7:00-9:00 a.m.
- Stations of the Cross Fridays 12:10 p.m., Fr. David G
- Mysteries of the Rosary Tuesdays 4:00 p.m., Fr. Burfitt
- Final Blessings and prayers in front of Planned Parenthood April 13, 3:00 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

Contact: Rose Curiel at indigorse40daysforlife.com or
(323) 528-8094 | www.40daysforlife.com/pasadena

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

3:00 TO 4:00 P.M.:

- EXPOSITION
- HOLY HOUR
- CONFESSION
- CHAPLET OF MERCY
- TALK BY DEACON REX ON "MERCY & HOPE"
- BENEDICTION

JOIN US IN THE CHURCH TO PRAY FOR DIVINE MERCY!

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

Financial Offerings



April 5 / 6, 2025

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March 29 / 30 \$12,509.00

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Deus Vocat (God is Calling)



This new **Parish Vocation Apostolate** invites you to help us in supporting **TWELVE CANDIDATES** who are discerning God's call to a religious vocation. It is such as these our Apostolate supports.

You are invited to join Deus Vocat every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Lisieux Room (in the Parish Office building, 510 North El Molino Street) to pray for vocations. For more info, please contact:

Francisco Alcala at (323) 497-4951
or Marcela Alcala at (626) 940-4899 |
marcelafigalcala@gmail.com

God Bless You!

Join Our Active Ministries

Below are our Parish groups that meet on a regular basis—either every week or every month.

—**COR JESU YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY:** For youth and their families—meets 2nd Friday of each month.

—**DEUS VOCAT:** A Parish Apostolate established to pray for vocations (See Page Six for more info).

—**EnCOURAGE:** Standing fully by the teachings of the Church, faithful Catholic parents support one another and their loved ones with same sex attraction. Meets monthly. For parents: EnCourage.LosAngeles@gmail.com; for those with same sex attraction: CourageCA.LosAngeles@gmail.com).

—**FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION:** Meets after the 8:00 a.m. Mass every first Saturday to pray the Rosary and meditate for 15 minutes. Call Maria Alejandra at (626) 993-4236.

—**FLAME OF LOVE:** ...about the Blessed Mother's messages to see Elizabeth Kindelmann. Two sessions meet every Monday. Contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.

—**HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY:** Teams of trained lay people pray for your healing after our Monday evening Mass. For more info, send an email to: HpmStc1@gmail.com.

—**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** For Catholic men aged 18 and over who want to strengthen their faith through serving the Church and their community. Contact Greg Gomez at jggomez@me.com.

—**LAY MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY:** An international association of lay people—married and single—whose members make private vows of chastity, poverty, obedience, and wholehearted service to the poorest of the poor. Meets every 3rd Saturday (9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.); prays the Rosary daily at 6:00 p.m. Contact Alejandra at (626) 630-8760.

—**REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS:** A devotion for the purpose of making reparation to the Sacred Heart. It is held every Friday from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. in the church.

—**RETROUVAILLE LOS ANGELES:** A Program to help couples in troubled marriages learn about the tools needed to get their marriages back on track through a combination of one weekend, follow-up sessions, and fellowship/enrichment presentations (held at St Therese). For more info, call (909) 900-5465 or go to www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

—**ROSARY MAKERS:** This group makes rosaries to be sent to Catholics in third-world countries. Sessions are held on Mondays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. All are welcome to join!

—**ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP:** Meets in the church every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. to pray for our parish community and for increase in vocations. For more info, call Lucy Marikian at (626) 281-3706.

—**ZELIE'S CIRCLE CHILDREN'S HOLY HOUR:** For moms of children from birth to 5 years old. Meets in the church every First Thursday of each month from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. for adoration and prayer with Fr. Peter Mary.

Mass Intentions

April 12—April 19, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Gary Escobedo, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Gloria Therese, OCD, INT

7:30 Michael Alexander and

Lauren & Ellena Cheah, INT

9:00 a.m.: Ed Morales, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Parishioners

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Ursulina Aquino, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Anita Lim, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

*7:30 a.m.: Thelma Piol, INT

8:00 a.m.: Susan Morgan, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Sr. Mary, OCD, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Therese Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Bruce Choromanski, INT

Wednesday:

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

7:30 a.m.: Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Susan Morgan, RIP

Thursday:

No morning Masses

*5:00 p.m.: Rachelle Ailene Siy, INT

7:15 p.m.: Alma Dampf, RIP

Friday:

No Masses—only services today

Holy Saturday

No Morning Masses

*6:00 p.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community

8:15 p.m.: Michael Locascio, RIP

*Held at the Cloistered

Carmelite Chapel (215 East
Alhambra Road, Alhambra).

Open to the public 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

MARIAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

Rome (Holy Doors), France, Spain, & Portugal, June 16—July 1, 2025 (14 Days) for \$4,700 (double occupancy), led by Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD. For an itinerary and more info, contact Cecilia at (323) 721-0021 or gpilgrimages@yahoo.com. See details at <https://peregrinacionessguadalupanas.org/>

"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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