

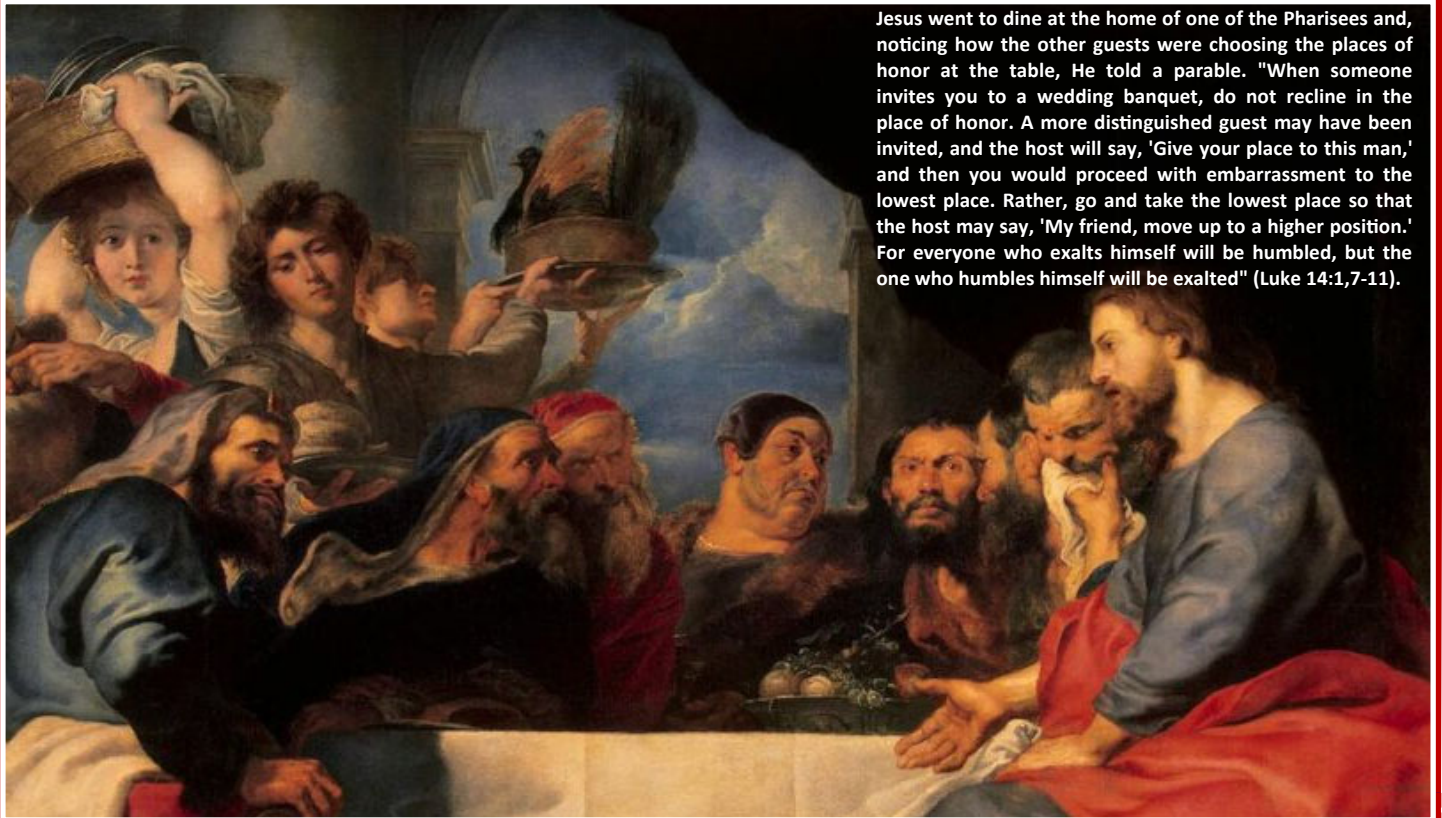
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St. Therese Catholic Church



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Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the Pharisees and, noticing how the other guests were choosing the places of honor at the table, He told a parable. "When someone invites you to a wedding banquet, do not recline in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest may have been invited, and the host will say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to the lowest place. Rather, go and take the lowest place so that the host may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:1,7-11).

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
(*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

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

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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,

Our summer is coming to an end, and a new school year is upon us! I thank you for your continued support of our little School! As is true every year, our enrollment has once again increased from last year, and **we are now at 127 students!** Please continue to keep our School, which is the primary outreach of our Parish, in your prayers as we strive to form the next generation of Catholics for years to come!

Below is an excerpt from a recent general audience given by Pope Leo XIV.

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



Today we will look at one of the most striking and luminous gestures in the Gospel: the moment when Jesus, during the Last Supper, offers a morsel to the one who is about to betray Him. It is not only a gesture of sharing: it is much more; it is Love's last attempt not to give up. St. John, with his profound spiritual sensibility, tells us about this moment as follows: [During supper, when] "the devil had already induced Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, to hand Him over... Jesus knew that His hour had come to pass ... He loved them to the end" (John 13:1-2). To love until the end: here is the key to understanding Christ's heart. A love that does not

cease in the face of rejection, disappointment, even ingratitude.

Jesus knows the time, but He does not submit to it: He chooses it. It is He who recognizes the moment in which His love must pass through the most painful wound—that of betrayal. And instead of withdrawing, accusing, defending Himself...He continues to love: He washes the feet of the disciples, dips the bread, and offers it. "It is the one to whom I hand the morsel after I have dipped it" (John 13:26). With this simple and humble gesture, Jesus carries His love forward to its depths, not because He is ignoring what is happening, but precisely because He sees it clearly. He has understood that the freedom of the other, even when it is lost in evil, can still be reached by the light of a meek gesture, because He knows that true forgiveness does not await repentance, but offers itself first, as a free gift, even before it is accepted.

Judas, unfortunately, does not understand. After the morsel—says the Gospel—"Satan entered Him" (v. 27). This passage strikes us: as if evil, hidden until then, manifested itself after Love showed its most defenseless face. And precisely for this reason, brothers and sisters, that morsel is our salvation: because it tells us that God does everything—absolutely everything—to reach us, even in the hour when we reject Him.

It is here that forgiveness reveals all its power and manifests the true face of hope. It is not forgetfulness; it is not weakness. It is the ability to set the other free, while loving him to the end. Jesus' love does not deny the truth of pain, but it does not allow evil to have the last word. This is the mystery Jesus accomplishes for us, in which we too, at times, are called to participate.

When Judas leaves the room, "it was night" (v. 30). But immediately afterwards, Jesus says, "Now is the Son of Man glorified" (v. 31). The night is still there, but a light has already begun to shine. And it shines because Christ remains faithful to the end, and so His love is stronger than hatred.

Dear brothers and sisters, we too experience painful and difficult nights. Nights of the soul, nights of disappointment, nights in which someone has hurt or betrayed us. In those moments, the temptation is to close ourselves up, to protect ourselves, to return the blow. But the Lord shows us the hope that that another way exists, always exists. He teaches us that one can offer a morsel even to someone who turns his back on us. That one can respond with the silence of trust. And that we can move forward with dignity, without renouncing love.





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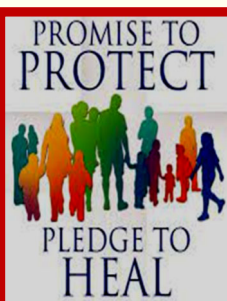
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Safeguard the Children



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What Having a
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It is important to increase awareness about the dangers and the signs of abuse without creating paranoia. Safe adults should not be vigilante protectors, but should have a perspective of caution and should not ignore warning signs of inappropriate behavior.

To learn more, read the VIRTUS® article "Why Should We Have a 'Healthy Caution' Toward Adults" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

COME AND SEE!

St. Therese Parish Choir resumes rehearsals for the 2025-2026 liturgical year on **Wednesdays, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Choir Room** (in the church basement). Our first 11:00 a.m. Mass will be September 14, celebrating the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. On October 11 and 12, the Choir will sing for two of the Masses offered during the visitation of the relics of St. Therese.

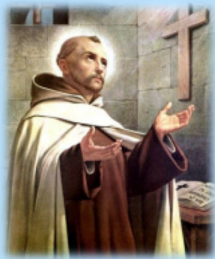
On November 2, All Souls' Day, the Choir sings the Fauré Requiem at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. For the Midnight and 11:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day, the Choir performs a special program before Mass begins.

If you have sung in a high school, college, community, or parish choir before, consider offering your time and talent to this beautiful parish of St. Therese.

Contact Charlotte Lansberg
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FR. PETER MARY, OCD



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SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2025 SATURDAY @ 10:15 AM

TALK FOLLOWING

FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM: Mass *inside the church*
- 9:00 – 10:00 AM: Rosary & Meditation *inside the church*
- 10:15 – 11 AM: Talk + Q&A

@ 2nd Floor of PARISH CENTER *

*Parish Center is a 2-story white building to the left of the church

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

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Choose Humility, Find Honor

This Sunday's readings remind us that true greatness is found not in seeking the highest place but in living with humility. Sirach urges us: "Conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts."

Jesus echoes this in the Gospel, teaching that those who exalt themselves will be humbled, while those who humble themselves will be exalted.

The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that we do not approach God with fear, but with confidence, for we belong to the heavenly Jerusalem, where Christ is our mediator.

And the Psalm celebrates God as the defender of the lowly—the father of orphans and protector of widows.

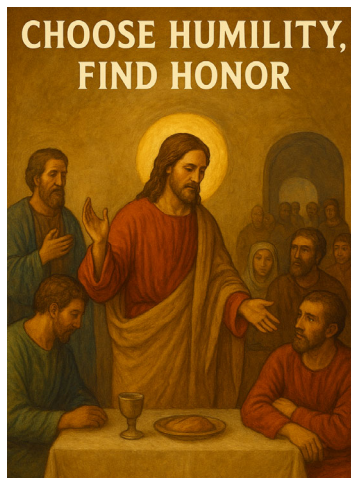
Together, these readings show us the path to God's heart: humility, service, and care for the least among us. In a world that prizes recognition, Jesus invites us to a different banquet, where the true honor comes from God alone.

Prayer for Humility

Lord Jesus,
teach me to
seek not
the highest
place, but
the place
where I can
serve with
love. Help
me to see
You in the
poor and
forgotten,

and to welcome others as You
welcome me. May I walk humbly
with You today and always.

Amen.



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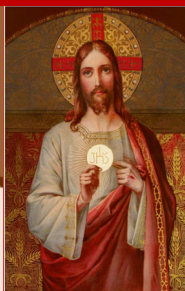


Religious Education Registration School Year 2025-2026

Multiple Registration Options

Website: [StTheresaChurchAlhambra.org](https://www.StTheresaChurchAlhambra.org)

Information Page: <https://www.StTheresaChurchAlhambra.org/religiouseducationinfo>



Locations to Submit Forms and Fees

Location #1: For ALL Religious Education Programs

St Therese Church Parish Office, 510 N El Molino St., Alhambra, CA 91801

- Days / Hours: Monday-Friday
- Hours: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM and 2:00 PM-5:00 PM (Closed from 1:00 PM-2:00 PM)

Location # 2 for Students in PreK-8th Grade On Application Processing Day Only (September 7)

Parish Meeting Room in the St Therese Parish Center, 1106 East Alhambra Road (2nd Floor)

- Application Processing Day Only – First Day of Class for PreK – 8th Grade (Sunday, September 7, between 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM; Classes start at 10:15 AM)

Location # 3 for Students in Confirmation Classes

St Therese Carmelite School

- School Classrooms 7 and 8 (second floor—behind Parish Center and Parish Hall)
- Application Processing Day – First Day of Confirmation Class (Wednesday, September 3, between 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (Classes start at 6:30 PM)

Location # 4 for Students in OCIA (formerly RCIA) Classes

Mt Carmel Conference Room (St Therese Offices, 2nd Floor, 510 N El Molino St)

Application Processing Day – First Day of OCIA Class (Weekdays or Weekends):

- Thursday, September 4: 6:30 - 7:00 PM (Class starts at 7:00 PM)
- Saturday, September 6: 9:00 - 9:30 AM (Class starts at 9:30 AM)

**"To be entrusted with the teaching of the
young is a great gift and grace of God."
—Saint John Baptist de La Salle**

REPARATION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

Every Tuesday 8:00PM-9:15PM
St. Therese Church

1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra, Ca 91801



"It was the Little Flower's (St. Therese's) devotion to the Holy Face, which drove her to unparalleled heights of sanctity." - Fr. Emeric B. Scallan

Tuesdays are traditionally dedicated to the Holy Face of Jesus. The primary purpose is to make reparation for sins against the first three Commandments: denial of God, blasphemy, and profanation of Sundays and Holy Days.

Join us **EVERY TUESDAY** at 8pm after evening mass:

- + Brief Spiritual Reading
- + Reparation Prayers
- + Holy Rosary
- + Holy Face Chaplet

"Reparation is a work destined to save society!
-Blessed Pope Pius IX

Financial Offerings



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St. Thérèse is known for her powerful intercession, especially in bringing souls back to the Church, inspiring conversions,

healing, vocations, and countless quiet miracles. Our world is in need of her "Little Way" now more than ever. Donations of any size are gratefully welcomed to help support this beautiful event. For the full national and local schedule, visit: <https://StThereseUSA2025.com>.

Large crowds are expected, and volunteers are needed, especially for hospitality and welcoming. **To sign up, please scan the QR code in the bottom right corner of this notice for the sign up form.** IF for some reason you cannot access it, then SEND A TEXT TO Amber at (626) 840-7250 (no calls please).



"God is all mercy and love."

"I will come down... I will let fall a shower of roses."

—St. Thérèse



Mark your calendars for our next First Saturdays Devotion on September 6, 2025, and join us for the Rosary and a 15-minutes meditation after the 8:00 a.m. Mass!

Sister Lucia's Long Journey in Spreading the First Saturdays' Devotion (Part 4)

In 1934, Sr. Lucia finally heard back from Bishop de Silva, wherein he promised to begin promoting the "Devotion of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart" in the coming year. Sr. Lucia continued to work through her spiritual director and other priests, not only to advance the mission of the First Saturdays, but also for the consecration of Russia. Fr. Aparicio was as diligent in writing to Bishop de Silva for official approval.

It was not until 1939 that things started to move forward and, by then, the rumblings of war were being heard. Sometime that year, Lucia had received another communication from the Lord, which she detailed as follows: **"Ask, insist again on the publication of Reparatory Communion in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the First Saturdays. The moment is coming when the rigors of my justice are going to punish the crimes of various nations. Some will be annihilated. In the end, the rigors of my justice will fall most severely on those who wish to destroy my Kingdom in souls."**

Source: www.BlueArmy.com



Mass Intentions

August 30—September 6, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Claudia Vargas, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Teresa, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Lois Johnson, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Zechariah Avellano, B'day INT

11:00 a.m.: Doris Lazzara, RIP

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

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Heather Brajkovich, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: All Humanity and in
Thanksgiving for God's Cration, INT

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

7:15 p.m.: Abigail Cano, Birthday INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Jamiel Wilson, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Fred Bunsic, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, INT

7:15 p.m.: Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Dave Torres & Family, INT

7:30 a.m.: Sr. Mary, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Gabino Sia, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Rosario "Charito" Eustaquio, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Leo Lacangan, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Nicole Tittmann, Birthday INT

Friday:

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

7:30 a.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Ronald Cuarto, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Lopez Cifuentes Family, INT

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Corazon Aclaro, INT

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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

MARYKNOLL GUILD FAMILY FUN DAY (300 Norumbega Drive, Monrovia) on Sunday, September 21, from Noon to 4:00 p.m., with bingo and burgers. Includes a Boutique, Children's Fun Zone, Raffle, and more. For more info, call Patti Tellez at (626) 622-9586.

SACRED HEART RETREAT HOUSE—just down the street from St. Therese—invites women, men, married couples, and young adults to join one of the many retreats offered there in order to draw closer to the Heart of Jesus. They also have family-friendly events. Check them out at www.sacredheartretreathouse.com | (626) 289-1353 | facebook@sacredheartretreathouse.com.

Pilgrimages

PILGRIMAGE TO GUADALUPE, MEXICO, with Carmelite friar Fr. Joseph Mary Tran, OCD, from Monday, **December 8, through Saturday, December 13, 2025**. Cost is \$2,250 per person, double occupancy. For more information, contact Beth Maddatu at maddatubeth2@gmail.com or 408-903-6305.

SEATS ARE FILLING FAST FOR THE PILGRIMAGE TO EASTERN EUROPE (Poland, Croatia, Medjugorje, etc.) with Carmelite friar Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD, from **September 3 to September 16, 2026**. Cost to be determined. For more information, contact Beth Maddatu at maddatubeth2@gmail.com or 408-903-6305.

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Psalms 68:11b



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