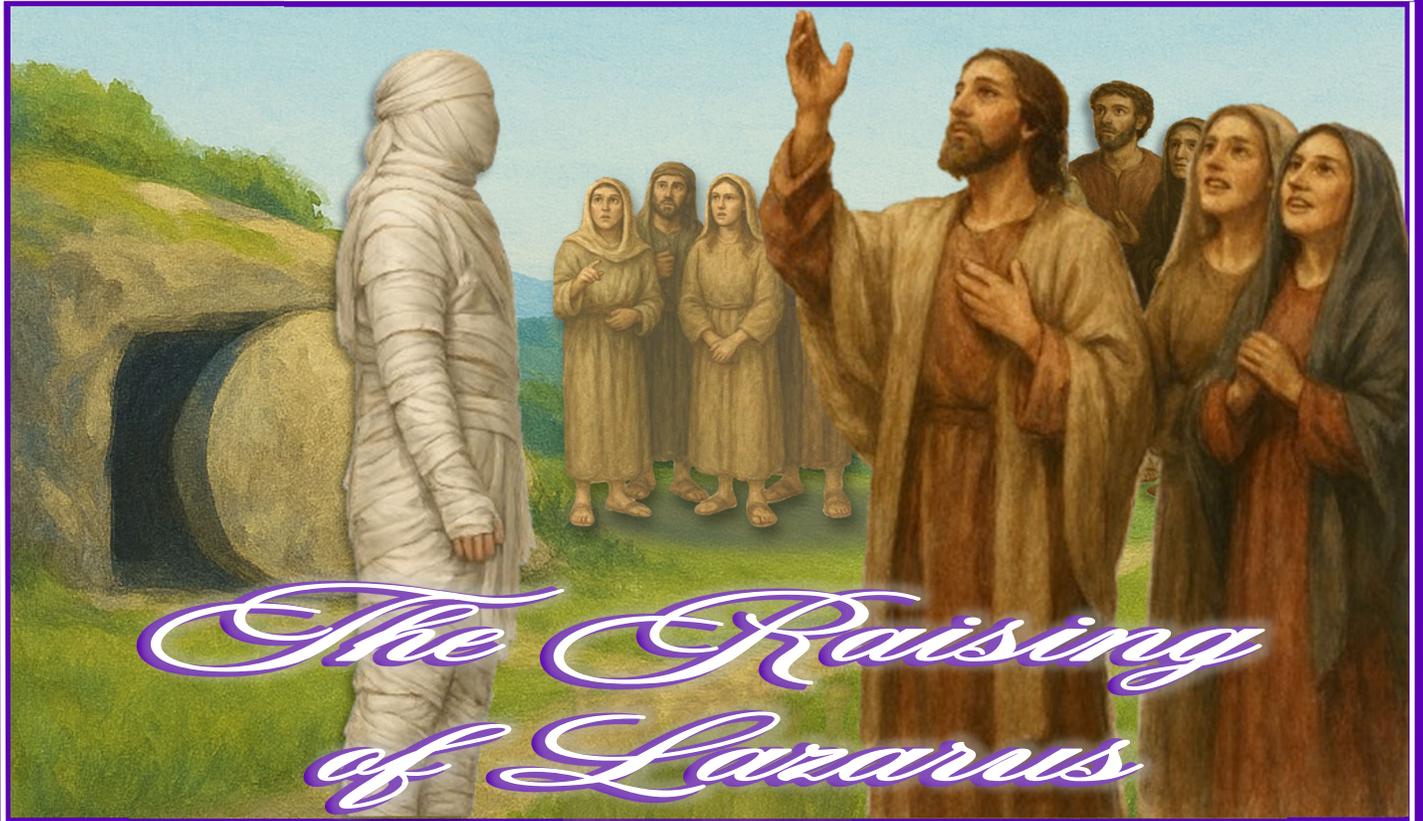




St. Therese Catholic Church



March 22, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org



The Raising of Lazarus

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

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 website

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ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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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 and 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



Parish Needs and Stewardship

My Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

As we enter this holiest time of the year, I would like to thank all of you for making these past Jubilee Years of our Parish, our Patroness St. Therese, and our universal Church such memorable moments for our Parish family!

I am ever grateful for your increased generosity over the years since I arrived here in 2023! At the same time, I think you all realize that the cost of living has skyrocketed over the last few years. I wanted to make sure that you were aware that the utility and insurance costs for the Parish have increased dramatically—by almost \$50,000!—from just a couple of years ago, while annual Parish donations have increased only slightly in the last year—resulting in a net operating deficit of \$46,800.

So, I personally request that you prayerfully consider whether you are able to make a modest increase in your regular parish giving to meet these increased costs. Even small increases, done together as a Parish family, make a meaningful difference in caring for our Parish home. **And please note that you can now donate electronically through the ZELLE QR code that is printed on the front of the bulletin.**

I thank you again for your continued generosity in making St. Therese a truly blessed parish under the patronage of our beloved saint!

I wish you all a Blessed Holy Week and a Sacred Triduum!

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio O.C.D.
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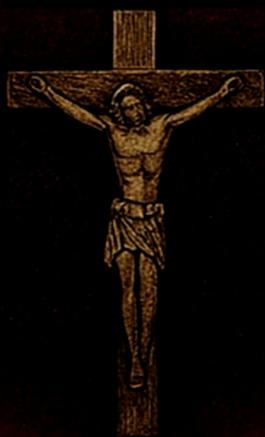
Holy Week Schedule



Tenebrae Service



Holy Thursday



GOOD FRIDAY

March 29 - April 5, 2026

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 31 and April 1: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday, April 4: 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday: No confessions before the Latin Mass

MASSES & SERVICES

*Monday – *Wednesday, March 30-April 1: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m.
*NO evening Mass on these days.
Mass is at 7:30 a.m. at the Carmel.

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

Spy Wednesday (April 1)

Tenebrae Service at 7:00 p.m. in the church
(As shown above, there will also be confession at this time)

Holy Thursday (April 2)

Mass of the Lord's Supper with Washing of the Feet: 7:15 p.m.
+Mass at the Cloistered Nuns' Chapel: 5:00 p.m.
+No foot washing service at the Carmel

Good Friday (April 3)

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

Note: There is also a 3:00 p.m. Sacred Liturgy at the Cloistered Nuns' Chapel.

Holy Saturday (April 4)

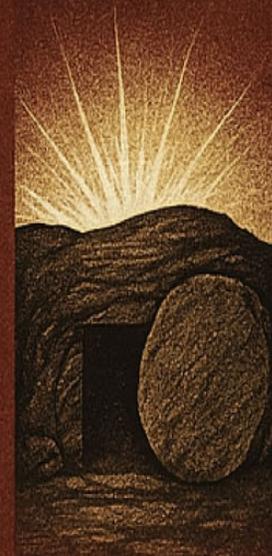
Solemn Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 p.m.
NOTE: The Mass begins with the lighting of the Easter fire in front of the church.

Easter Sunday (April 5)

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



Easter Vigil



Easter Sunday

UNLESS THERE IS A *GOOD FRIDAY* IN YOUR LIFE,
THERE CAN BE NO *EASTER SUNDAY.* -VENERABLE FULTON SHEEN



Saint Therese Carmelite School

Faith  Academics  Virtue



LIVING Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 27,
11:30 a.m.

All are welcome to join our school for our annual Living Stations of the Cross, which will begin outside of the Parish offices (510 North El Molino Street), and continue throughout the church grounds. This beautiful memorial of Our Lord's Passion is lovingly presented by our 8th Grade Class, who have worked tirelessly to prepare this Lenten meditation for you!

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*I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, will never die.*

SOUP NIGHTS AND STATIONS

Our **final** Lenten Soup Night (in the Hall from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.) is **THIS FRIDAY**, March 27, and will be sponsored by the **Knights of Columbus**.

All donations for this night will go to the Knights.

The Stations of the Cross will follow (in the church at 7:00 p.m.)



Fr. Stephen's Next Class in His Catechism Series

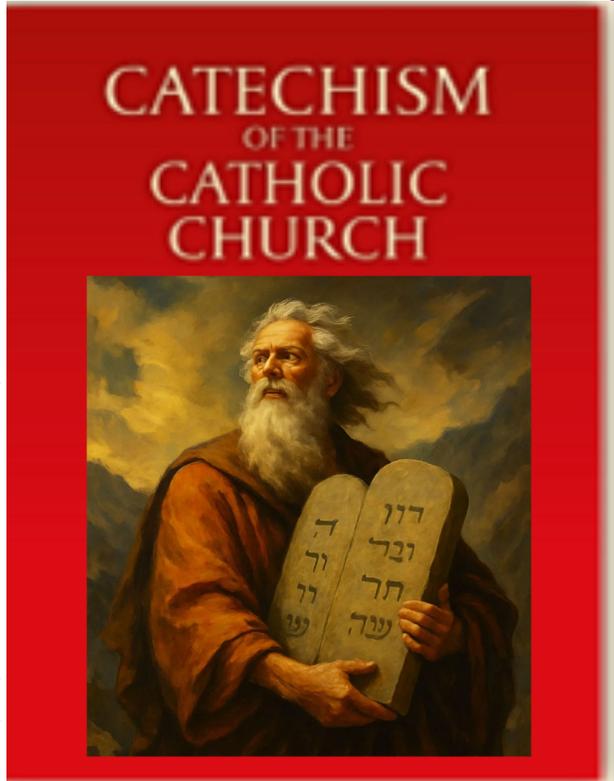
Fr. Stephen's next class will be **THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 24**—from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. Each class stands on its own, so you may join at any time. In this week's class, Father will continue speaking on **THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**.

The word "decalogue" literally means "ten words." God revealed these "ten words," which were written with His own finger. Exodus 31:18 states: "When the Lord finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, He gave him the two tablets of the covenant law, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God." This verse highlights the moment when God provided Moses with the tablets containing the law and established a covenant relationship between God and His people. These tablets were kept in the Ark of the Covenant.

Ever since St. Augustine, the Ten Commandments have occupied a predominant place in the catechesis of baptismal candidates and the faithful. The catechisms of the Church have often expounded Christian morality by following the order of the Ten Commandments.

The Ten Commandments state what is required in the love of God and the love of neighbor. The first three concern love of God, and the other seven, love of neighbor. In this class, we will examine more closely the Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Commandments.

All adults are welcome to attend!



Eucharistic Adoration

"Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." -Matthew 11:28

"Beautiful is what we see. More beautiful is what we comprehend. Most beautiful is what we do not comprehend."

—Blessed Nicolas Steno
(January 1, 1638—November 25, 1686)
Feast Day: December 5

A world-renowned 17th century scientist, Nicolas Steno is known as the father of modern geology, paleontology, and crystallography. Born into a Danish Lutheran family in 1638, Steno's whole life revolved around scientific research.

While in Italy, when he was 28, Steno was captivated by the devotion surrounding the Corpus Christi procession, leading him to question his Lutheran upbringing and to embrace the Catholic Faith a year later, in 1667. Moved by the adoration of the Eucharist, he recognized the Real Presence of Christ, transforming his life from a scientist to a priest, bishop, and missionary. After becoming a priest, he lived a life of extreme poverty, charity, and intense prayer, deeply centered on the Eucharist.

Steno, also known as Niels Steensen, passed away in Germany, and his life is a testament to the harmony between scientific pursuit and spiritual, Eucharistic-centered devotion. Steno was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1988.



ENDOW Women's Study Group



ENDOW, a new women's study group, is coming to St. Therese! This will be an ongoing group that meets every **Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**, in the Avila Room of the Parish office building (510 North El Molino) in the Avila Room. We will be studying the lives of notable female saints, as well as the encyclicals of the Popes.

Our first eight weeks of study will begin April 8 and will be on **St. Edith Stein from the Endow book, Seeker of Truth**. Raised in a devout Jewish family, Edith drifted from her faith and became an atheist, but her search for truth led to her conversion to Catholicism. She became a Carmelite nun and ultimately gave her life in martyrdom at Auschwitz.

This study explores Stein's life, writings, and witness, revealing God's guidance at every step. Let Edith Stein's unwavering faith and courageous witness inspire you to step out of your comfort zone and pursue truth with passion.



The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns Auxiliary
Invites you and your guests to attend the

Shower of Roses Annual Benefit Luncheon *"A Time For Love & Grace"* Luncheon & Fashion Show

Thursday, April 30, 2026

10:30 a.m. - Social Hour

RAFFLE DRAWINGS | OPPORTUNITY PRIZES | SILENT AUCTION

12:00 p.m. - Luncheon

The fee is \$85 per person
RSVP by April 15 to Sue Fulps
at (626) 285-4649

Make checks payable to:
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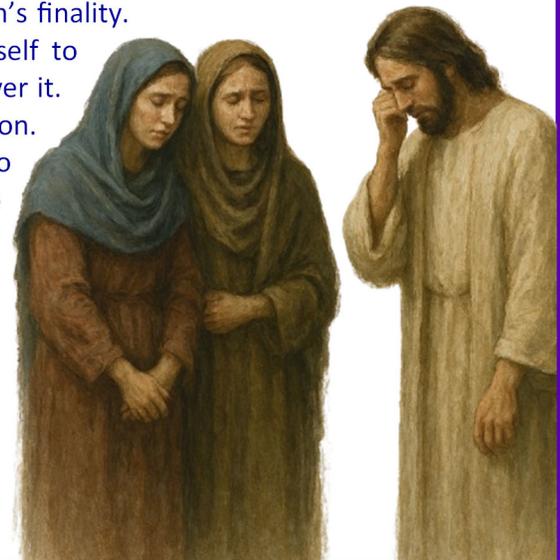
"Jesus Wept" — A Reflection on the Death of Lazarus from John 11

In Bethany, death arrived before understanding did. Lazarus lay in the tomb, and with him lay the hopes of two sisters who had trusted that love would surely act sooner. When Jesus finally came, He did not explain Himself. He did not rush past their grief with theology or hurry toward the miracle that was already forming in His heart. Instead, He stood where sorrow stood—and He wept.

Those tears matter. They tell us that God does not observe our suffering from a distance. Jesus enters it fully. He feels the ache of loss, the confusion of delay, the sting of death's finality. Even knowing resurrection was moments away, He allowed Himself to grieve. Love does not bypass pain simply because it holds power over it. At the tomb, Jesus spoke with authority, but not without compassion. He asked for the stone to be rolled away, inviting human hands into divine work. And then He called Lazarus by name. Life responded to the voice that first spoke it into being. Death did not argue. It released what it could not keep.

This story is not only about Lazarus. It is about every place that feels sealed and hopeless, every grief that smells too much like finality. It reminds us that God's delays are not God's denials, and that even when hope seems buried, love is already on its way.

The shortest verse in Scripture—"Jesus wept"—may be its deepest promise: we are never alone in our sorrow, and the One who cries with us is also the One who calls us forth into eternal life.



Financial Offerings



March 14 / 15, 2026

Unrestricted..... \$18,435.00
Restricted \$ 825.00
T O T A L.....\$19,260.00

February 14 / 15 \$19,728.00
February 21 / 22 \$19,157.00
Feb. 28 / March 1 \$31,200.00
March 7 / 8 \$11,739.00

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

Mass Intentions

March 21—March 28, 2026

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Humberto Perez, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Mary, OCD, INT
 7:30 a.m.: Tony Brajkovich, RIP
 9:00 a.m.: June Cuarto, Birthday INT
 11:00 am: Evangeline Holman, RIP
 1 p.m.: Monica Kouyoumjian, B-Day INT
 5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Christina Nera, INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Cynthia Diep & Family, INT
 8:00 a.m.: Elizabeth Haley Nguyen, INT
 7:15 p.m.: Emma Villa, OCDS, RIP

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

6:00 a.m.: Steven Nguyen, INT
 *7:30 am: Fidelina Adan, RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Angie Hernandez, RIP
 7:15 p.m.: Bianca & Diego Guzman, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Moses Goh, INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Lance Francisco Lai, RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Brian Zadeh, INT

Thursday:

6am: Dariz & Anita Armendariz, 76 Anniv, INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Mark Andrew Perez, RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Carlos Ibarra & Family, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Rocio & Luis Tostado, INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Antonius Maringka, RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Kayla Grimm Murphy, INT

Saturday Morning

*7:30 a.m.: Alhambra Cloistered Carm. Nuns
 8:00 am: Lucy Tittmann, INT

**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"!

Pilgrimages

For the complete itineraries and applications for each the following pilgrimages, go to the home page of our website and scroll down to the **OUTSIDE THE PARISH** section.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE with Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, from November 22—December 3, 2026.



Walk in the footsteps of Jesus as we travel through Galilee, Tiberius, Caesarea, Cana, Capernaum, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jericho, Mt. Carmel, Jerusalem, etc. Walk the Via Dolorosa, take a two-hour boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, float on the Dead Sea, and so much more! **REDUCED PRICE: \$4,599 each.** Direct flight from LAX. Contact: Albert and Mary Helen Estrada at (626) 533-4839.

CARMELITE-INSPIRED PILGRIMAGE to Italy, Greece & Ephesus from July 9-18, 2026: Land Tour cost with three one-way inter-European flights: \$4350. Includes 9 nights at 3-4 star hotels, private bath, breakfast & dinner, private motorcoach or van, all touring on program, entrance fees to all sites per itinerary, tour chaplain & daily Holy Mass. Additional Costs: Overseas flights (LAX round trip to Rome, Italy). As of now, the non-stop airfare varies from \$1000 (economy) to \$2600 (Premier) on Norse Atlantic. Sign-up deadline: April 30, 2026. Pilgrimage is with Sacred Heart Tours, (845) 594-2222, www.sacredhearttours.com. For more info, contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186.

ALABAMA, HERE WE COME! Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament and EWTN from July 29 to August 4, 2026. Come see what the Lord did through Mother Angelica and is still doing through the friars at EWTN and the cloistered nuns at the Shrine. A full six days of serenity, prayer, spiritual talks, tours, fellowship, and family fun. Space is limited. Approximately \$1,500 per person. For more info, call Albert and Mary Helen Estrada at (626) 533-4839.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

+ Maria Teresa Madrid
 (mother of Norma Madrid)