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St. Therese Catholic Church



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...Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days to be tempted by the devil. When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him for a time (Luke 4:1,13).

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

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



LENT

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

I wish you all a truly blessed and holy Lenten season!

Let's begin this holy season with a meditation from **Pope Benedict XVI** for the 1st Sunday of Lent.

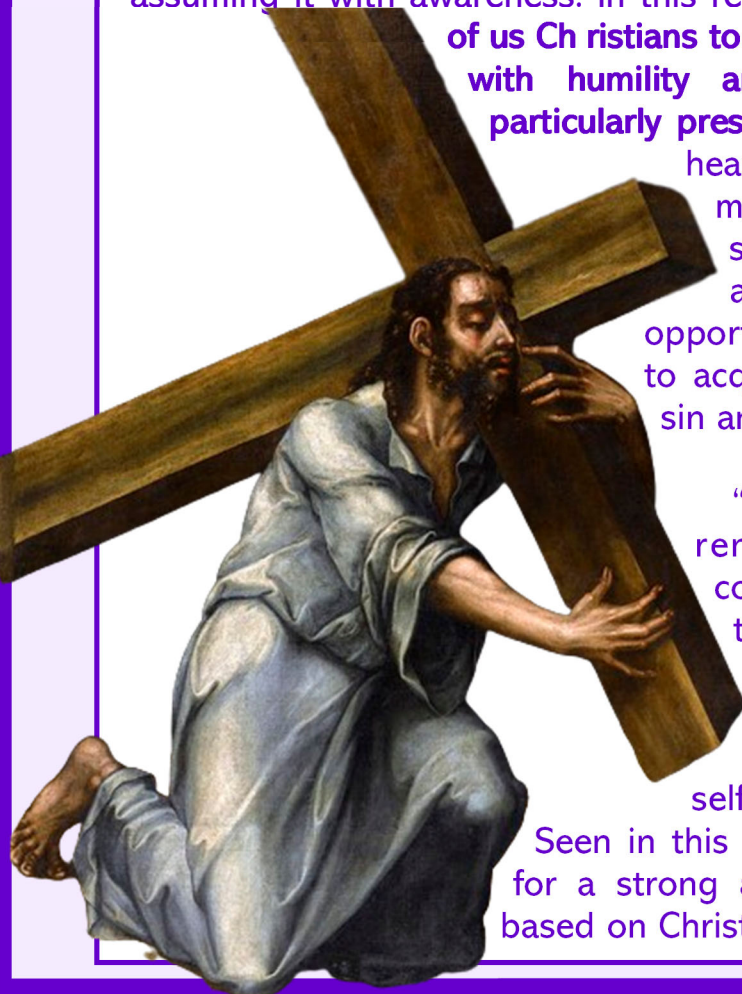
—Fr. Peter Mary

“Last Wednesday, we entered Lent with fasting and the Rite of Ashes. But what does ‘entering Lent’ mean? It means we enter a season of special commitment in the spiritual battle to oppose the evil presence in the world, in each one of us and around us. It means looking evil in the face and being ready to fight its effects and especially its causes, even its primary cause which is Satan.

“It means not off-loading the problem of evil onto others, onto society or onto God, but rather recognizing one's own responsibility and assuming it with awareness. In this regard, **Jesus' invitation to each one of us Christians to take up our ‘cross’ and follow Him with humility and trust (Matthew 16: 24) is particularly pressing.** Although the ‘cross’ may be heavy, it is not synonymous with misfortune or with disgrace or something to be avoided on all accounts; rather, it is an opportunity to follow Jesus and thereby to acquire strength in the fight against sin and evil.

“Thus, entering Lent means renewing the personal and community decision to face evil together with Christ. The way of the Cross is in fact the only way that leads to the victory of love over hatred, of sharing over selfishness, of peace over violence.

Seen in this light, Lent is truly an opportunity for a strong ascetic and spiritual commitment based on Christ's grace.”



ST. PATRICK'S PRE-FEAST DAY CELEBRATION



Come celebrate the Irish past of St. Therese Parish! After searching for an area in the United States to start a new parish, the Discalced Carmelite Friars of the Irish Province Friars established St. Therese Parish here in Alhambra in 1924. Only three Irish friars are still living.

Come and honor the memory of these brave Irish friars at a rollicking St. Patrick's pre-feast day celebration this coming **SATURDAY, MARCH 15**, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall. The Knights of Columbus will be preparing an Irish dinner, and Sean Dennison will have his Irish Band here playing traditional Irish music. Don't miss it!



It's Free!

Soup Nights / Stations



Our next Soup Night will be this Friday, March 14, and will be sponsored by the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** (Soup Night is EVERY Friday of Lent from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Hall). Soup Night is followed each Friday by **Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00 p.m.** All the Soup Nights are now covered by one or more parish groups.

Thank you to these sponsors: **LMC/GPS, Flame of Love, 40 Days / Deus Vocat / Vox Vitae, and Retrouvaille** (in order of the Fridays being sponsored).

Fiat40 Women's Challenge

Ladies of St. Therese Parish: Would you like to grow deeper in your relationship with God this Lent by focusing on Mary's virtues? Are you wanting accountability and encouragement in your spiritual life?



Please join us for a mini **Fiat90** challenge called **Fiat40** this Lent! The first session was Saturday, March 8—next will be March 15. Find out more about **Fiat90** and **Fiat40** at <https://fiat-90.com/>.

Members meet for fellowship and accountability in the Lisieux Room in the Parish Office building (510 North El Molino Street) immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on **all the Saturday mornings in Lent through April 12 (9:00 to 10:00 a.m.)**. Please email Katrina Crow at katrina.fcp@gmail.com if you are interested in joining or have further questions.

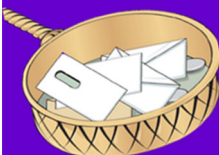
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

March 5 - April 13

Join us at Pasadena Planned Parenthood at 1045 North Lake Avenue in Pasadena and discover the power of your prayers! Parking is available on the streets—just read the signs carefully and be courteous not to block driveways! To learn more—and get involved—please visit us at www.40daysforlife.com/pasadena. Volunteers are needed now more than ever!

To help or for more information, contact: **Rose Curiel** at indigoro40daysforlife.com | or (323)528-8094.

Financial Offerings



March 1 & 2, 2025

Unrestricted..... \$15,158.00
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T O T A L.....\$15,773.00

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 February 15 / 16 \$13,169.00
 February 22 / 23 \$18,147.00

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"FR. JEROME APPEAL" FOR THE CARMELITE NUNS

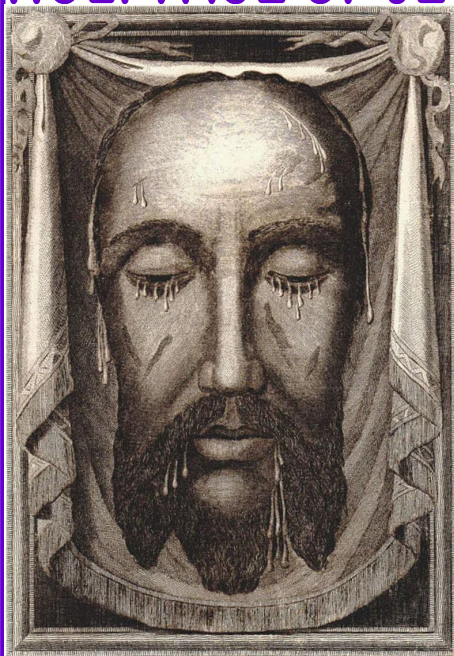


This weekend, March 8 & 9, a special collection will be taken at all the Masses to help support our Cloistered Carmelite Nuns in the Carmel of St. Teresa in Alhambra. **Special pink envelopes are in the pews.** Please make a donation to help provide for their daily needs and the upkeep of the Monastery.

The Carmelite Monastery was instrumental in the establishment of St. Therese Parish, and there has always been a special closeness and loving support between the Parish and the Monastery.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

HOLY FACE OF JESUS RELIC



When she was still in the Carmel in Lisieux, France, our patroness' religious name was Sr. Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face. (She was given the name "Therese of the Child Jesus" when she entered, and she added "and the Holy Face" when she took the veil.)

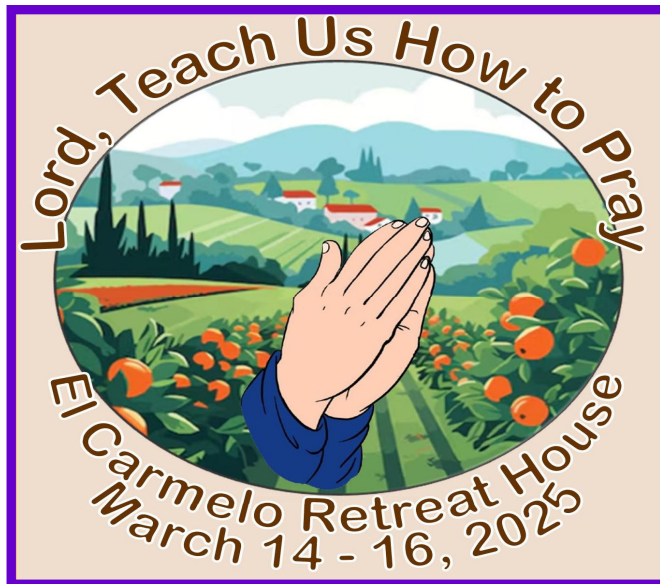
This year, being the 100th anniversary of the canonization of St. Therese, we are

having a special visit of a Holy Face relic on **MONDAY, MARCH 17, FROM 6:00 TO 10:00 P.M.** This third-class relic is a replica of the cloth Veronica wiped Jesus face with and has been touched to Veronica's Veil, the True Wood of the Cross, and the Lance that pierced Christ's side. Since this image was touched to the instruments of Our Lord's Passion, which were drenched in His Blood, it has therefore been touched to the Blood of Christ. And so is considered a "Living Image of Jesus Christ."

The evening will begin with a talk at **6:00 p.m.**, by Vicki Schreiner, author of *Chronology of the Holy Face Devotion*, followed by **Mass at 7:15 p.m.**, and then **eneration of the Holy Face relic until 10:00 p.m.**

All are encouraged to attend!

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT



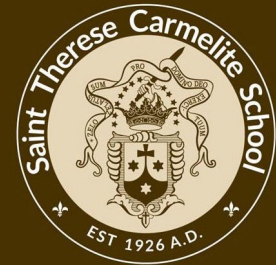
LAST CHANCE! Sign up for the Women's Annual Lenten Retreat weekend at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands next weekend, **March 14-16: Double room occupancy (2 per room): \$230 each person, includes two nights & six meals; OR Single room occupancy (private room): \$260 each person, includes two nights & six meals.** The theme is, **"LORD, TEACH US HOW TO PRAY."**

The registration form can be found in the brochure located by the church entrances. Payment can be mailed to the retreat captain, Chantal Richardson, 15730 Nelson Ave., City of Industry, CA 91744.

If a registration form is unavailable or you would like more information please contact Chantal at chantalmarierichardson@gmail.com | (951) 743-8801 (call or text). You must be age 18 and older to attend.

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Novena to St. Joseph

March 11 - 19

O glorious St. Joseph, to you do we raise our hearts to implore your powerful intercession to obtain from the merciful Heart of Jesus all the helps and graces to aid us to achieve spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death and the special favor we now seek. O Guardian of the Word Incarnate, we have confidence that your prayers on our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God. O dear St. Joseph, Pillar of Families, through your love for Jesus Christ and for the glory of His Name, hear our prayers and help us to attain our petitions. Amen.



"Mystery of the Church" Class

The next class in this series will be held this Tuesday, March 11, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. Fr. Stephen's topic for that evening will be **THE CHURCH AND ST. JOSEPH (PATRON OF THE CHURCH)**.

The pronouncements of the Popes in the last century and a half authoritatively declare the true mind of the Church regarding St. Joseph. The first of these great modern pronouncements was made December 8, 1870, when Blessed Pope Pius IX placed the entire Catholic Church under the patronage of St. Joseph, with the title of Patron of the Universal Church. As Pope Leo XIII said in his encyclical on St. Joseph, "There is no doubt that, more than any other person, he approached that supereminent dignity by which the Mother of God is elevated above all other created natures."

Come and learn more about St. Joseph. **This will be an excellent way to begin your annual novena (begins March 11) to St. Joseph in preparation of his solemn feast on March 19.**

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:

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UNITY PRAYER:

"May our thoughts be as one."

Oct 18, 1962: Jesus: "My little one, did I send you many sufferings in these past few days? I implore you, do not grow weary of these great pains. Endure them for your family and those of the whole country. You are a mother of a family and you are aware of the several forms of family disintegration. To save families, throw yourself into the furnace of suffering. Oh, how much sinning is done against Me by destroyed families! Make reparation and suffer for them. Do not lose the least opportunity. May our thoughts be in unison. Consider clearly the value of your sufferings. The number of those reaping with Me is so small. Do you know why? Because there are no souls willing to bear sufferings, especially those who would do it steadily. Without it, they cannot merit that I shower My graces on them continuously."

Reference: Building on Solid Rock Flame of Love Retreats Session 3 @ <https://flameoflove.us/building-on-solid-rock/>

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.

Mass Intentions

March 8—March 15, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Albert F. Macedonio, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Deceased Religious, Relatives, and Benefactors of the Carmel of St Teresa, INT

7:30 a.m.: John Arellano, INT

9:00 a.m.: Simeon Basco, Sr., RIP

11:00 a.m.: Robert Kirin, Birthday, INT

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Parishioners

5:00 p.m.: Vigilio Lopez, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Miguel Uy, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Mariam, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Jose Atencio, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Fred Bunsic, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Luis & Pamela Neri, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Christian Cordella, INT

8:00 a.m.: Ralph Tamez, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Frank Christopher Ayala, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Deborah Conrad, Birthday INT

Thursday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Jose Munoz, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Martina & Teresita Santa Maria INT

*7:30 a.m.: Richard Peter Macedonio, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Bonifacio Estrada, RIP

Saturday (Morning):

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community

8:00 a.m.: Leonel Salgado, 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

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15TH Annual 8-day Pilgrimage from July 15 to 23, 2025, to THE SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT & EWTN, home of Mother Angelica. Daily Mass with the Poor Claire Cloistered Nuns, a visit to the Pope St John Paul Eucharistic Museum, a Rosary procession to a replica of Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, prayer before Jesus in the 2nd largest monstrance in the world, the Stations of the Eucharist, etc. Enjoy peace and tranquility, along with fun, laughter, great food, and Southern hospitality. Families are welcome. For more info about the shrine, visit www.OLAMshrine.com. Note: This trip fills up quickly. Contact Albert and Mary Helen Estrada for details at (626) 533-4839.



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