



St Therese Catholic Church



July 19, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org



Jesus' Parables of the Wheat Among the Weeds, the Mustard Seed, and the Yeast (Matt 13:24-30)

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
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

Pastor: Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD: X 1+224

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Fr. David Guzman, OCD X 1+232

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Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD (X 1+226); Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

We are now in the **octave of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**. Let us grow in our devotion to her, especially during this time. To help us do that, let us continue reading from the joint letter from the two Carmelite generals entitled, **"In Mary, A Dawn of Hope: In Mary, Our Way of Praying,"** which they published two years ago.

—Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D.



Carmelite prayer is woven with humility and thanksgiving, with voices that sing of the wonders that God has done in human history, a movement that is for us like an exodus, a liberation, a willingness to serve and to give totally of ourselves. Mary's canticle is like a summary of human history. It captures the essence of the spirituality of Carmel. It is possible to sing this canticle only when there is sincere communion among brothers and sisters, each one recognizing in the other the presence of the Savior. Authentic prayer comes about in the encounter we have with the dignity of the other person, in whom God lives, and the respect we have for that dignity.

Today, there is an invitation to Carmel to move away from complaining and negativity into an ability to recognize the shoots of life that sometimes are hidden from the clever and learned and penetrate the hearts of the poor and humble who know how to trust in the promises of God.

Mary stood at the foot of the cross. What was she doing there? We ask what kind of pain did she suffer, as a mother, seeing her Son in agony, an innocent victim of the injustice and superficiality of the political and religious systems of the day? She stood and did not go away. She was silent but knew this was not the end. Her prayer could unite her with the mind and heart of God that she knew from within. Here again she pondered these things in her heart. She more than anyone could understand that what was happening was a great act of love on the part of her Son. Now, as

her Son hung on the cross, the love that would not allow Him to step back now extends to all the earth and does so in every generation and in every place.

Then something happened that she was not expecting. From her Son's blood-stained lips she heard the words, "Woman, this is your son," followed by the words addressed to the beloved disciple, "Son, this is your mother." The mother remains the same, the son is different. All that the Son was for her is now in the disciple. The relationship can change, but love will always be the best possible relationship between people who take care of one another.

What is essential in prayer stands there, on the cross and at the foot of the cross. It is a communion in suffering that makes the history of all who have been crucified integral to the plan of salvation. Jesus, from the most vulnerable of places, achieves the greatest work of salvation. St. John of the Cross recalled how Jesus had to cry out, "My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?" He added, "This was the most extreme abandonment, in all that He felt, all that He had suffered in His life. By it, He accomplished the most marvelous work of His whole life, surpassing all the works and deeds and miracles that He had ever performed on earth or in Heaven (Ascent II, 7,11).

The effectiveness of prayer may be seen mysteriously in the act of giving life, in a Love that stays right to the end. Mary is the mother of all those mothers who nurture and care for life, cherish life, and offer it to the Father, even when it is broken and trampled upon. In this way, new life is born. Humanity's pain and suffering becomes a cry and a prayer in Jesus and Mary. There is nothing that is not touched by prayer. True prayer cannot be any form of self-centered, comfort-seeking, mystical feeling that is deaf to the cry of humanity all around.

In the moment of His greatest suffering, Jesus left us the best possible inheritance in gifting us His mother. The disciple received her into his home, into the intimacy of his home, as the most precious gift not only for his home but for the depths of his interior life. This kind of intimacy is known to many Christians and many Carmelites as the treasure of their lives. We live with the desire to awaken and renew this intimacy each day as the source of unfailing light.



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DEUS VOCAT'S

Day of Prayer and Reflection for Vocations

"What is Your State of Life?"

July 25, 2026

St. Therese Parish Hall
9:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

SCHEDULE

Welcome and Introduction
Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD

Talks on:

- The Priesthood and Diaconate
- Marriage and Family Life
- Single and Consecrated Life
- Religious Life

Lunch

Confessions

Vocation Rosary

Panel of Speakers

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singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs

with gratitude in your hearts to God." — Colossians 3:16



DEUS VOCAT

JOIN THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE

Next Meeting: This Tuesday, July 21

MY REMNANT ARMY HOLY FACE APOSTOLATE PRAYER GROUP



Monthly Prayer Meeting
EVERY 3RD TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH
following the
7:15 p.m. MASS
in the Church

MEETING INSIDE THE CHURCH

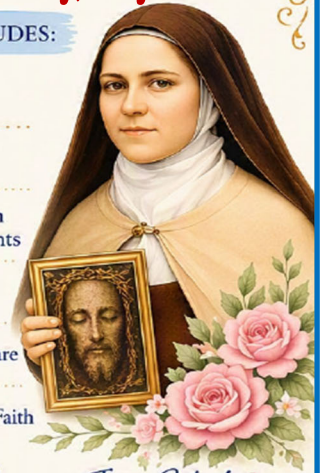
THIRD TUESDAYS

JULY 21, 2026 THROUGH MAY 18, 2027

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| ♥ July 21, 2026 | ♥ November 17, 2026 | ♥ March 16, 2027 |
| ♥ August 18, 2026 | ♥ December 15, 2026 | ♥ April 20, 2027 |
| ♥ September 15, 2026 | ♥ January 19, 2027 | ♥ May 18, 2027 |
| ♥ October 20, 2026 | ♥ February 16, 2027 | |

EVENING INCLUDES:

-  Prayer
-  Reparation
-  Reflection on Current Events
-  The Saints
-  Spiritual Warfare
-  Fellowship in Faith



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Grow deeper in faith,
strengthen your spiritual life,
and stand with the Remnant in
prayer and reparation. ♥

AT ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Meeting inside the Church

THANK YOU FROM OUR "JULY 4TH" COORDINATOR

On behalf of all the members of the Planning Committee, our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who helped make our Independence Day Celebration such a wonderful success! This celebration would not have been possible without the generosity, dedication, and support of each and every one of you. Whether you donated, volunteered, attended, lent equipment or supplies, sponsored a table with delicious desserts, beverages, or activities, or simply kept our Parish in your prayers, you played an important part in making this event a success.

We were blessed with a wonderful turnout and an evening filled with faith, fellowship, laughter, and joy. It was especially heartwarming to see our Parish family come together to celebrate in such a welcoming and safe environment. The smiles on the faces of the children as they enjoyed the water slide, jumpers, games, and activities were a beautiful reminder of the joy that comes from gathering together as one Parish family.



We extend our sincere appreciation to our many volunteers who gave so freely of their time, talents, and energy before, during, and after the celebration. Your generosity and willingness to serve made this event possible. Beyond a successful celebration, your support helped create something even more meaningful—a joyful opportunity for our Parish family to come together in faith, friendship, and community. These moments strengthen the bonds that unite us and remind us of the many blessings God has bestowed upon our Parish.

May God abundantly bless each of you and your families for your kindness, generosity, and faithful spirit of service. Thank you for helping make St. Therese Carmelite Church such a vibrant and welcoming Parish community.

—Lillian Marquez, Coordinator

A Reflection Written in the Voice of St. Paul (Based on Romans, Chapter 8)

Brothers and sisters, As I write to the Christians in Rome, I think of it as a city unlike any other—one filled with noise and ambition, with soldiers and merchants, philosophers and slaves, the wealthy and the poor. People go there from every corner of the empire. Many seek power. Many seek security. Many seek meaning. And in the midst of all this, there are small gatherings of believers who have put their hope in Jesus Christ. I have long desired to visit these Christian communities in Rome and, perhaps one day, I will go there. Though I have not yet seen many of them face to face, I know their struggles. They live in a world that does not always understand them. Some are Jews who have come to believe that Jesus is the promised Messiah. Others are Gentiles who have left behind the old gods and customs of their former lives. Together they are learning what it means to become one family in Christ.

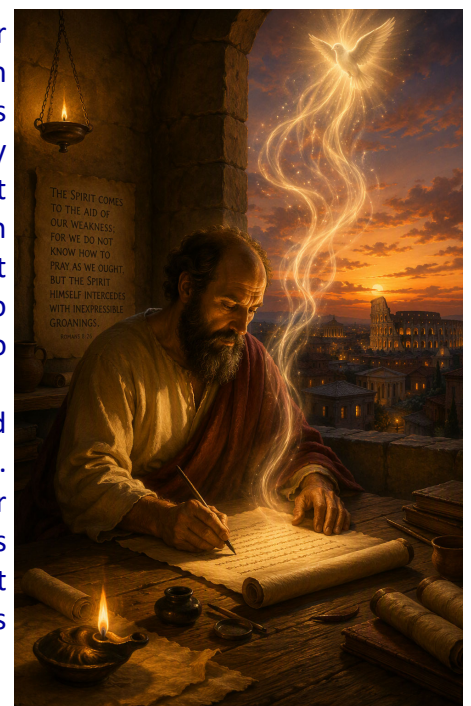
I know this journey is not easy. The Christian life is not simply a matter of believing certain truths. It is a daily struggle to trust God when the path ahead is unclear. It is learning to hope while still living amid suffering. It is waiting for God's promises to be fulfilled while carrying the burdens of ordinary life. That is why I wrote these words: ***"The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the One who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because He intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will."*** I know full well what weakness feels like. I have known hunger and weariness. I have known imprisonment and rejection. I have faced dangers on land and sea. I have experienced moments when I could see God's purpose clearly and moments when everything seemed hidden in mystery.

In those difficult moments, prayer is not always easy. Sometimes people think prayer requires perfect words. They imagine that faith means always knowing exactly what to ask of God. Yet I have discovered that some of the deepest moments of prayer come when words fail entirely. ***There are times when the heart is so burdened that it can only sigh. Times when grief, uncertainty, or longing are beyond speech. Times when we stand before God with empty hands and simply do not know what to say. It is then that the Holy Spirit is at work. The Spirit dwells within us as God's own gift. The Spirit does not abandon us in our weakness. When our prayers are incomplete, the Spirit completes them. When our understanding is limited, the Spirit carries our deepest needs before the Father. Even when we cannot express our hopes, fears, or desires, God already knows them, for the Spirit speaks from within our very hearts.*** What consolation this should bring!

Our relationship with God does not depend on our eloquence or strength. It depends on God's grace. We do not climb our way to Heaven by our own efforts. Rather, God comes to us, sustains us, and guides us through the power of the Spirit. This is the great hope I wished to convey to the Christians in Rome. The world around them was powerful, but God's Spirit was more powerful still. The world promised glory through wealth, influence, and achievement, but God's kingdom was taking root quietly within faithful hearts. The world saw weakness as something to be despised, but God often works most profoundly through those who know their need for Him.

As I reflect on these truths, I pray that every believer may find courage. When you do not know what lies ahead, the Spirit is with you. When suffering clouds your vision, the Spirit is with you. When prayer seems difficult or impossible, the Spirit is with you. Trust that God hears not only the words that come from your lips, but also the desires that rest silently within your heart. For the Father who searches hearts knows the voice of His Spirit. And that Spirit never ceases to pray for you.

— Paul, Servant of Christ Jesus



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



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"Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

—Matthew 11:28

"Jesus, pierce my soul with your love so that I may always long for you alone, who are the Bread of Angels and the fulfillment of the soul's deepest desires. May my heart always hunger for you, so that my soul may be filled with the sweetness of your Presence."

—St. Bonaventure (1221 – July 15, 1274—Feast Day: July 15)

St. Bonaventure was born around 1221 in Bagnoregio, Italy. As a child, he became gravely ill, and his mother prayed fervently to St. Francis of Assisi, who had recently died. Bonaventure recovered, and he always credited this healing to St. Francis' intercession, later choosing to join the Franciscan Order. St. Bonaventure became a great theologian, philosopher, mystic, and leader of the Franciscan Order. In 1588, Pope Sixtus V declared him a Doctor of the Church, named as the "Seraphic Doctor."

St. Bonaventure had a passionate, mystical devotion to the Eucharist, viewing it as the ultimate expression of God's love and the soul's path to union with the divine. According to St. Bonaventure, one should receive the Eucharist with the "mouth of the heart," which is "spiritual communion." He writes: **"Our capacity to receive Christ fruitfully resides not in the flesh but in the spirit, not in the stomach but in the mind. But the mind does not attain Christ except through understanding and love, through faith and charity, so that faith gives light to recognize Him and charity gives ardor to love Him. Therefore, if any are to approach this Sacrament worthily, they must feed on Christ spiritually by chewing it by means of the recognition of faith and receiving it with the devotion of love."**

So, the goal of Eucharist is spiritual communion, that which the true Body and Blood of Christ mediates and communicates.



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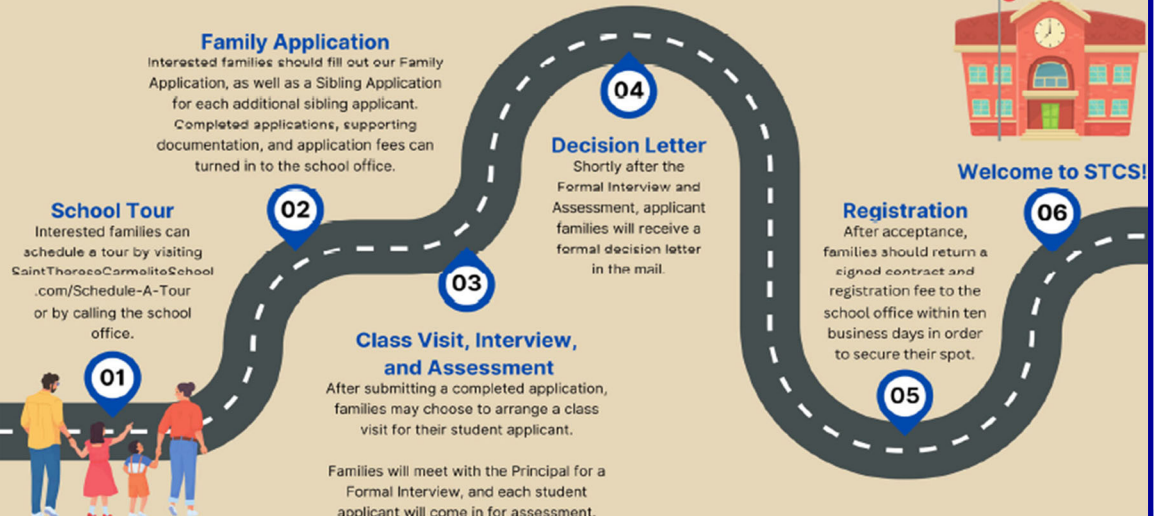
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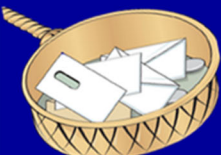
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July 11 / 12, 2026

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Mass Intentions

July 18—July 25, 2026

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:

5:00 p.m.: Marikian Family, INT

Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m.: Dung-Hong An Yu & Family, INT

9:00 a.m.: Alberto Fuentes, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Parishioners

1:00 p.m.: Alfonso Ambriz Velasquez, RIP

5:00 pm: Margarita & Teodoro Andrade RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Ronald Dungca, B-Day INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Shirley Sullivan, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Plinio Lim, RIP

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

6:00 a.m.: Hong An Nguyen, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Thuy Nguyen & Family, INT

7:15 p.m.: Carlos Mata, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Rebecca McKernan, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Lorenzo Zino, B-Day INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Maria Anny Nguyen, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: America/Church in America INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: All Humanity and in Thanksgiving
for God's Creation, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Teresita Buenavente, RIP

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Estelita Pasok, 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

The complete itinerary for the following pilgrimage is
on the website (OUTSIDE THE PARISH section).

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE with
Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, from
November 22—December 3,
2026. Walk in the footsteps of Jesus
in Galilee, Tiberius, Caesarea, Cana,
Capernaum, Nazareth, Bethlehem,
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- PSALM 86:5 -

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Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

+ **Alejandro Ortiz**

(Brother of Jose Ortiz from our School)

Funeral Mass on Thurs., July 23, 10:00 a.m.