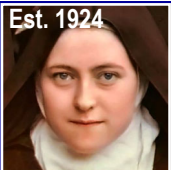


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...He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land."

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted."

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in Heaven."

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.

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- 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,

Last weekend at the *National March For Life*, our Vice-President gave a very hopeful address for the cause of life. I encourage you to watch it.

Continuing on this theme of life, so vital for our times, **let us read below Frank Pavone's beautiful meditation on the Eucharist and the Pro-life movement.**

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD

The Eucharist Defines the Pro-Life Movement (Part 1)

by Frank Pavone

THE EUCHARIST DEFINES THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT



Christians are used to looking beyond appearances. The Baby in the manger does not look like God; nor for that matter does the Man on the Cross. Yet, by faith we know He is no mere man. The Bible does not have a particular glow setting it off from other books, nor does it levitate above the shelf. Yet, by faith we know it is uniquely the *Word of God*. The Eucharist seems to be bread and wine, and yet by faith we say, "*My Lord and My God!*" as we kneel in adoration.

The same dynamic of faith that enables us to see beyond appearances in these mysteries enables us to see beyond appearances in our neighbor. We can look at the people around us, at the annoying person or the ugly person or the unconscious person in a hospital bed, and we can say, "Christ is there as well. There is my brother, my sister, made in the very image of God!" By the same dynamic, we can look at the pre-

born child and say, "There, too, is my brother, my sister, equal in dignity and just as worthy of protection as anyone else!"

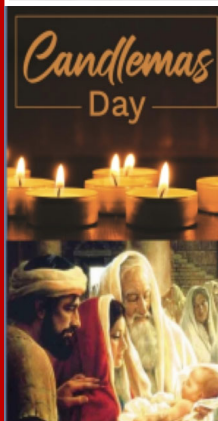
The Eucharist is a Sacrament of Unity. "*When I am lifted up from the earth,*" the Lord said, "*I will draw all people to myself*" (John 12:32). He fulfills this promise in the Eucharist, which builds up the Church. The Church is the sign and cause of the unity of the human family. St. Paul comments on this, "*We, though many, are one body, since we all partake of the one loaf*" (1 Cor. 10:17). When we call each other "brothers and sisters," we are not merely using a metaphor that dimly reflects the unity between children of the same parents. The unity we have in Christ is even stronger than the unity of blood brothers and sisters, because we do have common blood: The blood of Christ! The result of the Eucharist is that we become one, and this obliges us to be as concerned for each other as we are for our own bodies.

Imagine a person who receives Communion, accepts the Host when the priest says, "The Body of Christ," says "Amen," and then breaks off a piece, hands it back, and says, "Except this piece, Father!" This is what the person who rejects other people may as well do. In receiving Christ, we are to receive the whole Christ, whether convenient or inconvenient, wanted or unwanted.

As St. John remarks, Christ was to die "*to gather into one all the scattered children of God.*" Christ came "*to destroy the works of the devil*" (1John 3:8). The Eucharist builds up the human family in Christ who says, "*Come to me, feed on My Body, become My Body.*" Abortion, in a reverse dynamic, says, "Go away! We have no room for you, no time for you, no desire for you, no responsibility for you. Get out of our way!" Abortion attacks the unity of the human family by splitting asunder the most fundamental relationship between any two people, mother and child. The Eucharist, as a Sacrament of Unity, reverses the dynamic of abortion.

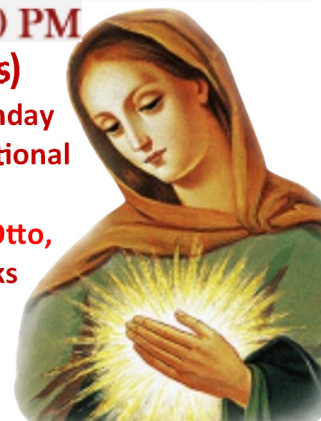
THE FLAME OF LOVE FEAST

FEBRUARY 2, 2026 | MONDAY NOON -10 PM



Schedule: (You may come only for the evening Mass)

- Noon: Check in (bread and water provided to observe the Monday fast per the Flame of Love weekly agenda). You may bring additional food if necessary.
- 1:00 p.m.: Spiritual talks (Fr. Robert, Fr. Raymond, and Deacon Otto, including one in Spanish), with group prayers between the talks (FofL Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, etc.)
- 7:15 p.m.: Candlemas Mass with Fr. Robert Elias
- 9:00 p.m.: Passing of the Flame



"On Candlemas (February 2), my chosen workers will hand each other a candle. In this way, the Flame of Love will be a living fire in their hearts. ... Prepare everything so that it will spread like wildfire."

—Our Blessed Mother to Elizabeth Kindelmann

REGISTER EARLY!

A \$20 registration fee will be collected on site

Scan to Register



Date Night



Date: Saturday, February 14, 2026

Time: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. | Location: Parish Hall

Cost: \$50 per couple

For couples who are married, engaged, or discerning marriage... come and renew your love and your commitment. Includes DINNER, ROMANTIC MUSIC, and a FUN ACTIVITY... Come laugh, pray, and celebrate your vocation together! RSVP by texting Marcela at (626) 940-4899 with your name and the number of tickets you'd like.

FREE CHILD CARE!

Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima arrived here on January 31, in time for **Candlemas and the Flame of Love Conference on February 2**. There will be a **special Mass on the 2nd at 7:15 p.m.** **She will remain with us through Saturday, February 7.**

The Blue Army, also known as the World Apostolate of Fatima, arranges for parishes all over the country to host the traveling Pilgrim Virgin statue. We are very blessed to host her here at St. Therese. In these days, when peace is a central call in our society, the message of Our Lady of Fatime resounds even more.....**"pray the Rosary daily in a spirit of reparation, do the First Saturday devotions, and wear the Brown Scapular."**

Please make time to come and pray in front of Our Lady's statue. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to spend time in prayer with her. **"If there were one million families praying the Rosary everyday, the entire world would be saved."** - Pope Saint Pius X



Financial Offerings



January 25 / 26, 2026

Unrestricted..... \$33,575.00
Restricted \$ 1,110.00
T O T A L.....\$34,685.00

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Discerning Men's Silent Retreat

St. John of the Cross: Totality, Detachment, Robust Spirit

To see the complete itinerary, go to the home page of our website; scroll down near the bottom to the "CARMELITE" section; then click on the flyer. There are only 40 spots, so register early (by Feb. 5)!

El Carmelo Retreat House
Redlands, CA

February 13 - 15

For Registration / Questions

carmeliteyaretreat@gmail.com

RSVP Deadline: Feb. 5

* Only 40 spots ~ \$155 (reduced from regular \$260)

\$75 commuter ~ limited scholarships

Retreat Leaders

Fr. Robert Elias
of Divine Mercy, O.C.D.



Fr. Matthias of the
Immaculate Heart, O.C.D.



Fr. Philip of Our Lady
of Guadalupe, O.C.D.



**February 5 is the
last day to register!**

COME TO A TALK BY FR. PETER MARY OCD

With a Panel of Pilgrims

"Pilgrimage: An Analogy for Life"
Saturday, February 7, 10:15-11:15 AM in the Parish Hall



This talk will follow the First Saturday devotion in the church. You may join us just for the talk or for the devotion as well. It will begin in the church as follows:

8:00—9:00 a.m.: Mass (church)

9:00—10:00 am: Rosary and Meditation (church)

10:15-11:15 am: Talk (Parish Hall)

**This event is sponsored by
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Fr. Stephen's Next Class in His Catechism Series

CATECHISM
OF THE
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Because Fr. Stephen will be assisting at a retreat in El Carmelo—including February 10, which is the second Tuesday of the month and the regular day for the first class for the month—he has changed his class dates for February to the **third and fourth Thursdays instead of the second and fourth**. Therefore, his next two classes will be **Tuesday, February 17, and Tuesday, February 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.

The topic for these two classes will be the **SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**. The Catechism says this: *"The Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation—lay the foundation of every Christian life. These sacraments are deeply interconnected and progressively draw the faithful into the mystery of divine life. The sharing in the divine nature given to men through the grace of Christ bears a certain likeness to the origin, development, and nourishing of natural life (CC 1212). Those who have been raised to the dignity of the royal priesthood by Baptism, and configured more deeply to Christ by Confirmation, participate with the whole community in the Lord's own sacrifice by means of the Eucharist."*

WOMEN'S (AND MEN'S) LENTEN RETREATS AT EL CARMELO

Join the women of St. Therese Church for our annual Lenten Retreat weekend at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands on **March 20-22, 2026**. The theme is **"Pilgrims of Hope: Walking with Jesus Christ in the Company of the Carmelite Saints,"** and our retreat master will be Fr. Philip Sullivan, former pastor of our Parish. The fees are as follows:

Weekend Package: Friday night to Sunday afternoon

- Double room occupancy (2 per room): \$230 each person, including two nights and six meals
- Single room occupancy (private room): \$260 each person, including two nights and six meals

St. Therese Women's Retreat
at El Carmelo Retreat Center
March 20-22, 2026



Pilgrims of Hope:
Walking with Jesus Christ
in the company of the Carmelite Saints

A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is required to reserve your room (check or money order payment only—Sorry... **NO** VenMo, Zelle, or credit cards accepted). Make checks payable to: El Carmelo Retreat House (memo: "Women's Silent Retreat, March 20-22, 2026).

The registration form can be found at all entrances of the church. Mail the form and your payment to the retreat captain: Chantal Richardson, 15730 Nelson Avenue, City of Industry, CA 91744. If a registration form is unavailable or you would like more information, you can find it on the home page of our website OR you may contact the retreat captain, Chantal Richardson, at chantalmarierichardson@gmail.com, (951) 743-8801 (call or text). (**Note:** You must be age 18 and older to attend.)

MEN'S RETREAT:

The Men's Silent Retreat weekend will be **February 20-22, 2026—also at El Carmelo**. If you would like more information, please contact the retreat captain, Pierre Doche, at (951) 834-5948.

Mass Intentions

January 31—February 7, 2026

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Donna Spencer, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Marie Hue Truong & Family, INT

7:30 a.m.: All Humanity & Thanksgiving for
God's Creation, INT

9:00 a.m.: Matilda Estrada, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Michelle Santilli, RIP

1 pm (Latin): Maria Consuelo Hernandez, RIP

5:00 pm: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: June N. Vales, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Susan Morgan, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Emma Zazueta, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Andrew Avina, INT

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

6:00 a.m.: Richard Godlewski, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mark Andrew Perez, RIP

8:00 a.m.: T. and M. O'Connor, INT

7:15 p.m.: Garcia Family, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Zelig Therese de Jesus Doria, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Khouw Lip Hing, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Francis Sy Su, Birthday INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Terrence Louis Sia, B-Day INT

*7:30 a.m.: Maria Trang Nguyen, INT

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

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Tito & Gabino Sia, RIP

*7:30 am: M&M Peter Halpin & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Ruth Laigo, Birthday INT

7:15 p.m. Julius & Carmina Doria, INT

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 am: Teodorica Lopez Rimando &

Socorro E. De Leon, RIP

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel
(215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra.)**

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 on 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! \$5299 each. Direct flight from LAX. For more info, please 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. Sacred Heart Tours, (845) 594-2222, www.sacredhearttours.com. For more info, contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186

GPS TRAINING |

Theology of the Body (TOB)

Interested in becoming a client advocate at GPS? Then come to this training and learn the basic understanding of TOB and how it can impact our clients in a way that changes hearts and minds.

**DATE: Saturday, February 7, 2026 | 1:30 pm: Light lunch
PRESENTATION: 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

LOCATION: Guadalupe Pregnancy Center

1168 San Gabriel Blvd. Unit E, Rosemead

This intro-training will help you to assist women, men, and their families to understand the importance of the creation of man and to embrace human dignity and God's design and purpose for their lives. It will open the door to Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

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