

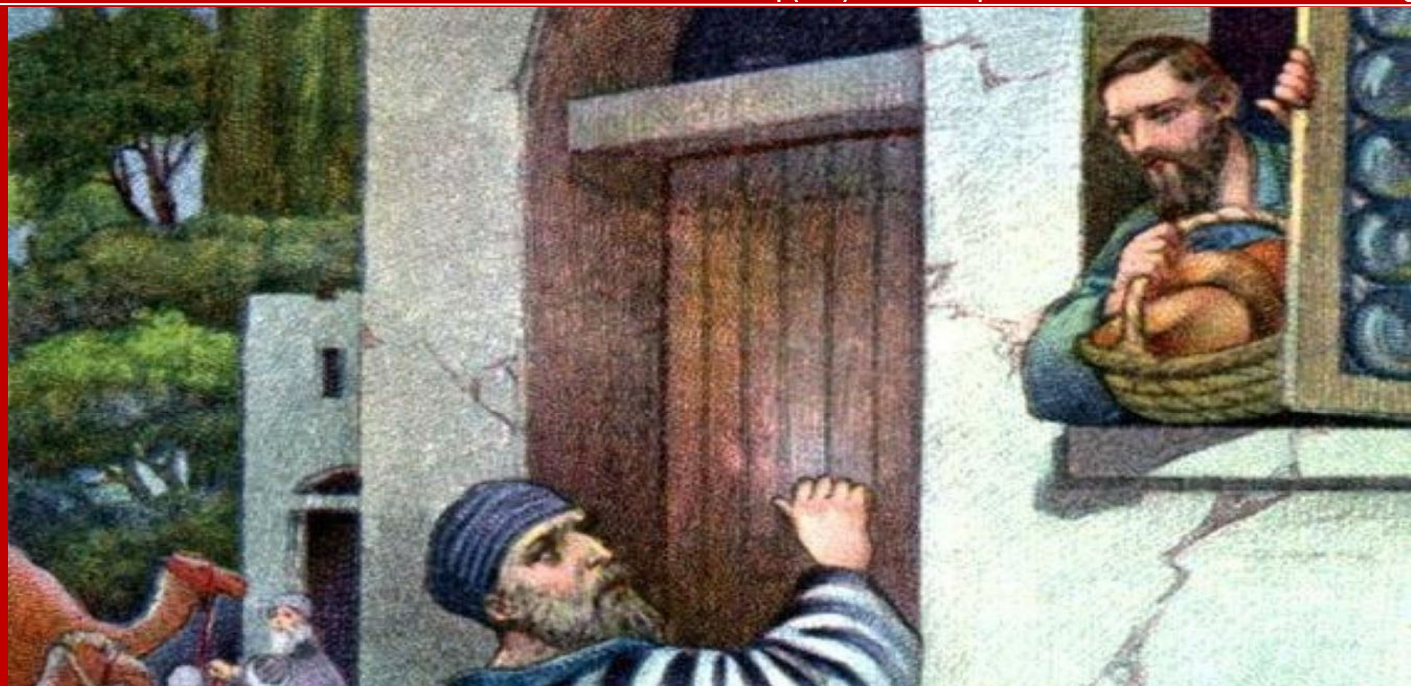
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St. Therese Catholic Church



July 27, 2025 | 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org



He said, "Suppose you have a friend to whom you go at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread...' and he says from within, 'Do not bother me; my children and I are already in bed.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the loaves because of your friendship, he will get up to give you what he needs because of your persistence. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened" (Luke 11:5,7-8,10).

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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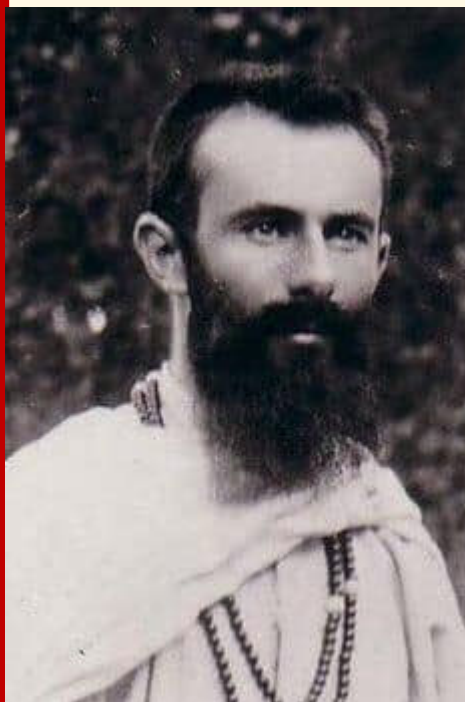
- Baptisms: Register online
- Weddings: Register online at least six months in advance
- Anointing of the Sick: Call the office

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

I pray you all are having a blessed summer! In September, Fr. Robert and I will lead a Parish Pilgrimage to France called "In the Footsteps of St. Therese." One of the sites we'll be seeing is Fr. Maurice Belliere's grave. Therese had a very special relationship with Belliere, and I hope you can get a glimpse of this in the letter she wrote to him. But first, read the introduction below about the letter.

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD



Introduction to the Text of the Letter:

Father Maurice Belliere was born on June 10, 1874, in Normandy, France. In his youth, he had to overcome many trials and, as he himself says, "pass through many storms." He believed that he was to live the rest of his life with the awareness of having wasted his best years. When called up to military service and conscious of his own frailty, he feared the worst for his priestly vocation. Bowed down under the weight of his sinful past and doubtful of his capacity to hold out, he wrote a letter to the Carmel at Lisieux, imploring them, as he said, to "entrust to the prayer of one of your sisters the salvation of my soul, and to obtain for me the grace to remain faithful to the vocation that I have received from God."

Therese was chosen for this undertaking. Maurice, who was in his second year of theology at the diocesan seminary, thus received the lifeline thrown to him by Therese. That is how a spiritual friendship began. Maurice and Therese never met, but they were deeply united by their fate. Their correspondence, which began two years before Therese's death, amounts to 21 letters. Maurice wanted to be a missionary and was accepted by the Society of the Missionaries of Africa, the White Fathers. His vocation generated a missionary desire in Therese also.

Their friendship was formed around their common ideal, a desire for the love, simplicity, and cordiality of Christ. Maurice became for her the brother she had never had, and she became for him the sister he needed. Therese was already seriously ill: the tuberculosis from which she was suffering was already at an advanced stage and there was no longer any cure available. In spite of this, she wrote magnificent letters to her hesitant "little brother" to encourage him in his vocation. From her very first letter, she reminded him of the law that would dominate his future, namely the temptations and trials that inevitably accompany every apostle. He would have to learn to accept them.

Therese realized very quickly that priests were men who were both frail and weak. But, as she writes, "No human frailty can be an obstacle to preaching the Gospel, as long as the flame of love burns in the heart of the Church." Later, while studying at Carthage, Maurice was to reread these letters on several occasions and even made a collection of his chosen passages. Later again, in Malawi, when he was ill and rather discouraged, he will have certainly found in their message the remedy for his despair.



Register Now for Religious Education!

Sacramental and Non-Sacramental Programs for the 2025-2026 Year



Celebrate Religious Education

Sacramental Programs: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance

Non-Sacramental Programs: Learn Scripture through the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Rosary

Programs:

1. OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) - one-year program
2. Confirmation for High School Students (two-year program)
3. Holy Eucharist for Students 7 years and up (two-year program)
4. Non-Sacramental Religious Education for children



Important Notes:

The schedule for these programs is online; classes begin the first week of September.

First- and Second-Year Registration required for Children's Holy Eucharist Program (if necessary, will include baptism during the first year).

First- and Second-year registration required for High School Confirmation Program (if necessary, will include baptism and First Communion during the first year).

Visit the Church website for online registration and downloadable registration forms (your choice):

CHURCH WEBSITE: <https://www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org/>

RELIGIOUS ED INFO PAGE: <https://www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org/>

We were buried therefore
with Him by baptism into death,
in order that, just as Christ was raised
from the dead by the glory of the
Father, we too might walk in
newness of life.

Romans 6:4-5

Financial Offerings



July 19 / 20, 2025

Unrestricted..... \$16,325.00
Restricted \$ 2,060.00
T O T A L.....\$18,385.00

June 21 / 22 \$16,632.00
June 28 / 29 \$14,896.00
July 5 / 6 \$20,150.00
July 12 / 13 \$24,205.00

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"Boldly Asking, Humbly Trusting"



This Sunday's readings shine a light on the astonishing power of prayer—especially when it's bold, persistent, and rooted in trust. In Genesis, we witness Abraham's heartfelt intercession for the people of Sodom. He dares to bargain with God, pressing for mercy, not once, but *SIX* times! It's a lesson in both courage and compassion—

reminding us that God invites us to approach Him with honesty and hope, not hesitation.

Psalm 138 gives voice to our response: A song of gratitude for a God who not only hears us but stoops low to lift us up. ***"On the day I cried out, you answered me,"*** the Psalmist proclaims. This is the God who is mighty, yet near. Lofty, yet intimate. And in the second reading from Colossians, we learn that through Christ's sacrifice, our sins have been nailed to the Cross—erased, forgiven, forgotten. **We now pray not as outsiders begging for favor, but as beloved children already welcomed home.**

In the Gospel, the disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray, and He gives them the Our Father—a prayer so familiar, we may forget its

revolutionary power. In

"Prayer is, for me, an outburst from the heart; it is a simple glance darted upwards to Heaven; it is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as in the midst of joy!"

- St Therese of Lisieux

it, we call God "Father," and ask not just for what we want, but for what we need: daily bread, mercy, guidance. Jesus goes on to tell us to ask, seek, and knock with trust and persistence, reminding us that the Father's generosity far exceeds our expectations.

Together, these Scriptures form a loving invitation: speak to God boldly, trust Him humbly, and never tire of prayer. For we do not knock on a stranger's door—we **knock on the Door of Our Father, who is already reaching out to open it.**

"A Prayer for Trust"

"Heavenly Father, teach me to pray as Jesus taught—with faith in Your goodness, with boldness to ask, and with the trust of a child who knows they are loved. Help me to believe that You hear me, even when You are silent, and to seek You above all else.

Amen."

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*You are stuck in a desert
for 40 Days and Nights,
Hungry, Alone and
Tempted by the devil*

-Sounds like you need Errow

Safeguard the Children



DID YOU KNOW? Authority figures and boundary responsibilities: When an adult uses their authority to control or manipulate a situation, this puts children and vulnerable adults at risk for abuse. Manipulation can often occur through grooming behaviors,

which can lead to boundary violations and ultimately abuse. It is always the responsibility of the adult to maintain appropriate, healthy boundaries with children in their care.

For guidelines on how to interact with minors at our parishes, schools and ministries please visit <https://lacatholics.org/policies-and-procedures/>, and for more tips read the VIRTUS® article “Ministerial Boundaries, Power, and Authority” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR PARISHIONER CHRISTINE PLEUSS



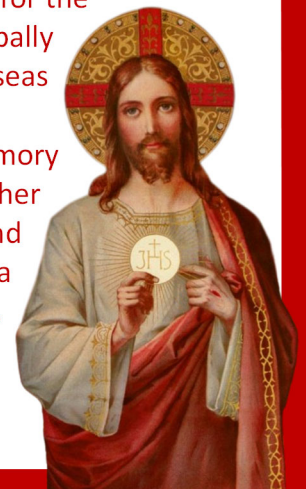
December 26, 1951,
to May 8, 2025

Christine, well known and loved by many of our parishioners, passed away from colon cancer on May 8, 2025. Shortly before her death, she returned to her childhood home in Wisconsin to enter hospice care near her family. Though the illness made eating

difficult and required frequent hospital visits, she bore her suffering with patience and grace—offering it with a smile to God, in union with the Holy Mass and the sufferings of Christ.

Christine truly exemplified what it means to live as a Christian. In addition to her deep commitment to the Mass and a strong prayer life, she was always willing to help those in need—welcoming people to stay in her humble apartment or use her shower until they found their own place. She was a devoted and supportive parishioner for many years, actively involved in several ministries: the Rosary Makers, the Parish Choir, Respect Life (as a regular prayer warrior outside Planned Parenthood), and Cor Jesu (for which she helped care for children during the meetings as well as for individual families). She was also a faithful volunteer at St. Therese School, and her love for the Church extended globally through numerous overseas mission trips.

To honor Christine’s memory and pray for the repose of her soul, all parishioners and friends are invited to a **Memorial Mass here at St. Therese on Friday, August 8, at 7:00 p.m., celebrated by Fr. David Guzman.**





FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Mark your calendar for our next First Saturday Devotion on August 2, 2025, and join us for the Rosary and 15-minutes of meditation after the 8:00 a.m. Mass!

Sister Lucia's Long Journey in Spreading the First Saturdays Devotion - Part 3



1928 - 1929: In 1928, the apparitions of Fatima were still being studied and not yet fully approved. Bishop José was not ready for the devotion of the First Saturdays. Lucia then sought help from Father Aparicio, who had sent information to the Bishop. In several letters, she expressed her great desire for this devotion:

"The greatest joy I feel is seeing the Immaculate Heart of our most tender Mother known, loved, and consoled, by means of this devotion (Dec. 1928). ...Your Reverence has no idea of the extent of my happiness in thinking of the consolation that this devotion is going to give to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, as well as the thought of the huge amount of souls that are going to be saved through this lovable devotion" (March 1929).

June 13, 1929: Sister Lucia received the vision of the Holy Trinity in the chapel of the convent in Tuy, Spain, in which Our Lady said the time had come to request the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. It set off an even greater urgency in her to spread the devotion of the First Saturdays, as she saw the two requests as intertwined. Despite the delays, she told Father Aparicio that God had made her aware that "His grace was setting hearts afire with the love and desire to make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

Source: www.Bluearmy.com



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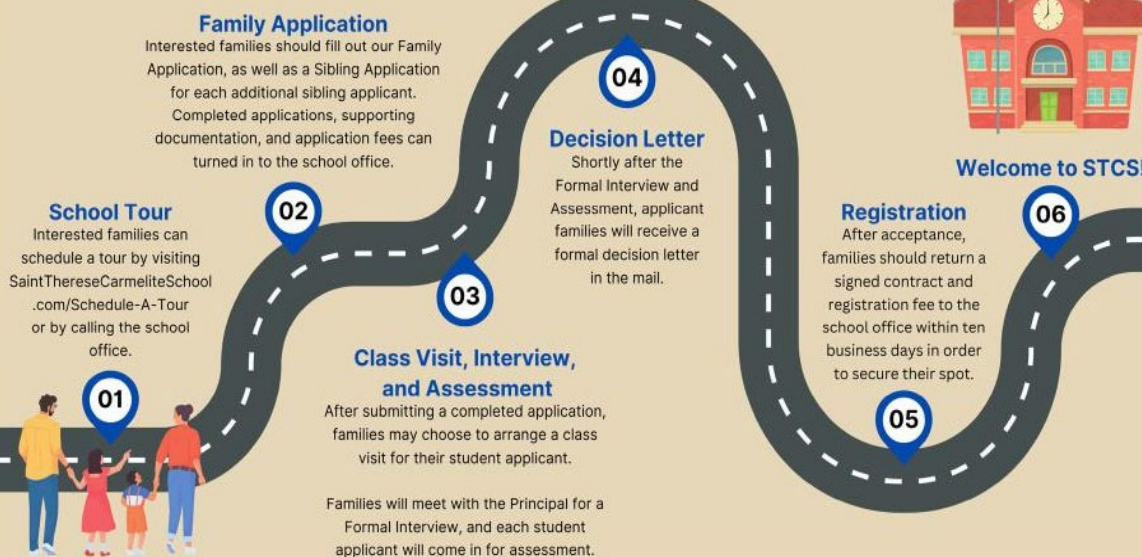
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6 Stages of the Admissions Process



Mass Intentions

July 26—August 2, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Mary Strouse, Sr., RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 am: Mother Teresa, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

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

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Victor Banuelos, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Doris Lazzara, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Leon Grimm, 20th Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: Celso Aquino, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

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

8:00 am: Fred Bunsic, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Jaime Gomez, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Vikki Ng, Birthday INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

7:30 am: Sr. Teresita, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Phillip Tittmann, 20th B-day INT

First Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Matthew Asayama, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Richie Sia, INT

7:15 p.m.: Maria Burgarin Rojas, RIP

Saturday Morning

7:30 a.m.: Alhambra Cloistered Nuns

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, B-Day INT

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

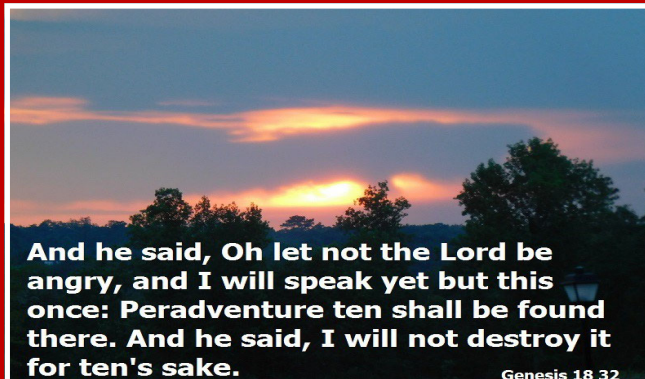
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LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

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"!

Pilgrimage

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE (JUBILEE 2025) TO ITALY - Rome, Naples & Florence - AUGUST 25 - SEPTEMBER 2—Roundtrip non-stop flight from LA to Rome on Norse Atlantic Airways in Premium Classic, six nights at well-located historic and comfortable city-center accommodations with private bath and AC. Daily Holy Mass, breakfast & dinner. \$4280 (double rm. occupancy) from LAX / +\$395 single room supplement. For itinerary, contact: Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186 or call Sacred Heart Tours at 1-845-594-2222 (P.O. Box 384 - Burton, TX 77835).



And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

Genesis 18 32

Lord, on the
day I called for
help, You
answered me.

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

+ MARIA DEL CONSUELO HERNANDEZ

Mother of Patricia Reyes

+ OLIVIA SOBALVARRO

Mother of Ronald Molinares |

Cousin of Mariano Aguilar

+ ALICIA OCHOA

Mother of Jaclyn Ochoa and

Grandmother of Stacy Ochoa