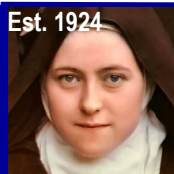


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St. Therese Catholic Church



May 18, 2025 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org



When Judas left, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. You will look for me, but where I go, you cannot come. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:31-35).

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

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Fr. David Guzman, OCD X 1+232

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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

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

I want to congratulate all who made their **First Holy Communion last Sunday!** What a glorious Mass and what a joy for Jesus to be received into the hearts and souls of our precious children!

I hope and pray that all of you who participated in the various celebrations of St. Therese's 100th anniversary of canonization on Saturday were inspired to get to know our beloved patroness even more! Let us continue with her poem on the Blessed Mother, ***Why I Love you, O Mary.*** —Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.



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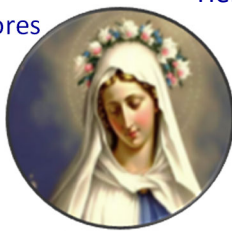
May 1897 (Part 3 – Stanzas 8 -15)



8. When the good St. Joseph knew not the miracle
That you wished to hide in your humility,
You let him cry near the Tabernacle
Which veils the divine beauty of the Savior!
Oh! That I love, Mary, your eloquent silence;
For me it's a soft and melodious concert
That tells me of the greatness and omnipotence
Of a soul that awaits help only from the Heavens...

9. Later in Bethlehem, O Joseph and Mary,
I see you shunned by all the locals; No one
wants to receive in his hotel poor foreigners;
the place is for the big ones... and it's in a stable
That the Queen of Heaven must give birth to a God.
O my dear Mother, how lovable I find you,
How great I find you in such a poor place!

10. When I see the Lord wrapped in swaddling clothes,
When from the Divine Word I hear the faint cry,
O my dear Mother, I no longer envy the angels,
For their Mighty Lord is my beloved Brother!...
How I love you, Mary, you who on our shores
Have made this Divine Flower bloom!
How I love you listening to the shepherds
and the Magi, And guarding with
care all things in your heart!



11. I love you mingling with the other women
Who towards the holy temple directed their steps.
I love you presenting the Savior of our souls
To the blessed Old Man who presses Him in his arms.
At first smiling I listen to his song,
But soon his accents make me shed tears.
Gazing prophetically into the future,
Simeon offers you a sword of sorrows.

12. O Queen of Martyrs, until the evening
of your life, This painful sword will
pierce your heart. Already you have to leave
the soil of your homeland To avoid a king's jealous
fury. Jesus sleeps in peace under the folds of your
veil. Joseph asks you to leave at once, and your
obedience is immediately revealed. You leave
without delay, without reasoning.

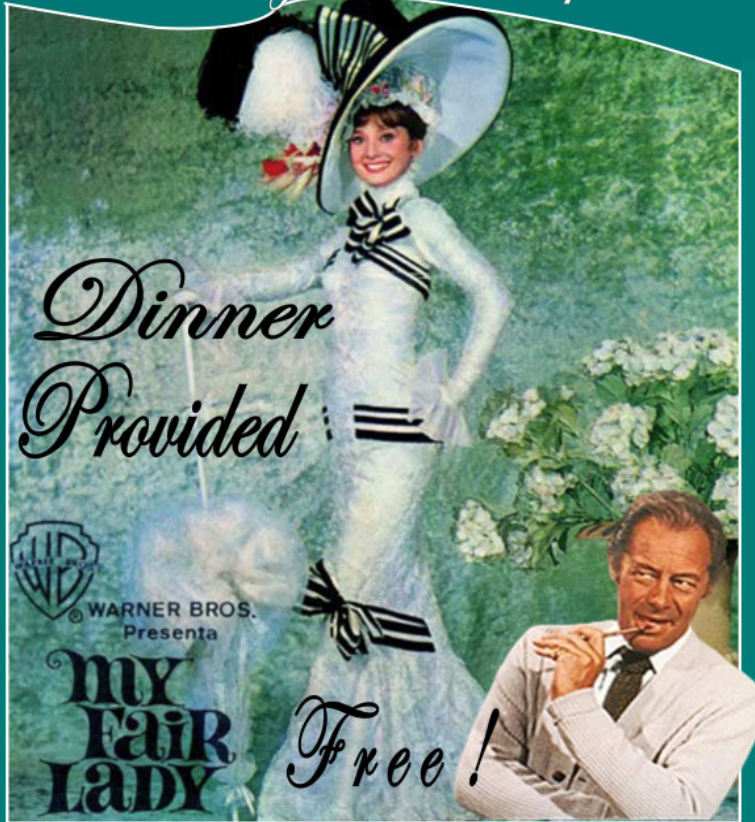
13. In the land of Egypt, it seems to me, O Mary,
Your heart remains joyful in poverty, for is not Jesus
the most beautiful Homeland. What does exile
matter to you... you own the Heavens. But in
Jerusalem, a bitter sadness, like a vast ocean, comes
to flood your heart. Jesus, for three days, hides from
your tenderness, So that is true exile in all its rigor!

14. Finally you see Him and joy transports you,
You say to the beautiful Child who charms the
doctors: "O my Son, why do you act like this?"
"Here are your father and I looking for you in tears."
And the Child God answers (oh, what a deep
mystery!) to the dear Mother who stretches out
her arms towards Him: "Why were you looking
for Me?... For the works of my Father
I have to work; don't you know that?"

15. The Gospel teaches me that growing in wisdom
To Joseph, to Mary, Jesus remains submissive. And
my heart reveals to me with what tenderness He
always obeys His dear parents. Now I understand
the mystery of the temple, the hidden words
of my Lovable King. Mother, your sweet
Child wants you to be the example of
the soul that seeks Him in the night of faith.

Parish Movie Night!

Sat., May 31, 7:00 p.m.



Fr. Peter Mary invites **EVERYONE** to our next Movie Night on our outdoor Big Screen! It will be on **Saturday, May 31, beginning at 7:00 p.m.** The Knights and other ministries will provide food for dinner. Our feature will be the classic family favorite, **My Fair Lady**, with Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison. Free!

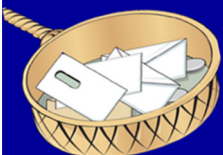
FREE "MEDICARE INFO" MEETING

On **Thursday, June 5, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**, Jim Aust, a volunteer and parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, will present an informational session about **Medicare in 2025**, your choices, and what counseling resources are available. The presentation will be held in the **Parish Meeting Room** (upstairs in the Parish Center). If you are on Medicare, or soon to be, it's good to think about your Medicare secondary health and/or prescription drug insurance plans. Plans change every year, so it's important to review them so that you keep yourself in the best coverage at the lowest price. **Note:**

This is **not** a sales pitch for insurance companies or plans; there is **no** fee. It is open to anyone, including family members. **Please register prior to June 2** at <https://forms.gle/2Ufp4vRuMKMrEhts6> or email Deacon Rex at deaconrex@outlook.com.



Financial Offerings



May 10 / 11, 2025

Unrestricted..... \$20,141.00
 Restricted \$ 455.00
T O T A L.....\$20,596.00

April 12 / 13 \$23,570.00
 April 19 / 20 \$28,885.00
 April 26 / 27 \$18,384.00
 May 3 / 4 \$17,936.00

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

"Baby Bottle Drive" & "Mom's Shower"

This **weekend, May 17 and 18,**

Members of Guadalupe Pregnancy Services will be outside the church to collect your baby bottles filled with coins, bills, or checks.

Also, any gifts for new moms should be placed into the playpen in front of the church. Some suggested items to donate are: New/gently-used maternity clothes; feminine hygiene products; Toiletries such as lotion, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, hand soap, Q-tips, etc.;

Cleaning supplies such as detergent, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, etc. paper towels, etc.

Thank you for participating In this very important Prolife Outreach.



"The Mystery of the Church" Classes With Fr. Stephen



Fr. Steve's **LAST CLASS** for this academic year will be **Tuesday, May 27, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.,** in the Parish Meeting Room (upstairs in the Parish Center). The topic will be **THE CHURCH AND MARY.**

Fr. Stephen will end this year's course on the Mystery of the Church by returning to Mary, Mother of the Church, who exemplifies the Church in her fidelity to her Son Jesus Christ.

"The Catholic Church, taught by the Holy Spirit, honors Mary with filial affection and devotion as a most beloved mother."

Please join us for this last class to better understand and appreciate the Church's profound veneration of the blessed Virgin Mary.

This class will be a good way to prepare for Pentecost.

Safeguard the Children

DID YOU KNOW? Age-appropriate curiosity in young children—Knowing the difference between age-appropriate and inappropriate behaviors in children can help adults determine whether something feels "off" about a child's behavior and could indicate potential sexual abuse. For preschool children and young children (around ages 4-6), exploring their bodies is natural. They are not yet old enough to understand the idea of "private" naturally and may also be curious about others' bodies—parents, friends, etc. These behaviors are common and developmentally appropriate for their age and stage. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "**Differentiating age-appropriate curiosity from harmful sexual behavior**" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



Cloistered Carmelite Nuns Auxiliary Fundraiser

Ice Cream Sunday Funday!!!



HANDEL'S ICE CREAM TRUCK

Sunday, June 8, 2025

10:00am - 1:00pm

St. Therese Parish parking lot

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
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This Tuesday!

THE CALL OF GOD SERIES

Is God calling you?

Come hear how God is working in these people's lives.



Evan

There is always an availability to speak to God. It is important to remember to lean on Him when we need to. We are not perfect. If we were, we would not be here to enjoy the life we are given.



Daniel

"Trials and tribulations offer us a chance to make reparation for our past faults and sins. On such occasions, the Lord comes to us like a physician to heal the wounds left by our sins. Tribulation is the divine medicine."
-St. Augustine

Join us in the Hall **THIS Tuesday, May 20, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**, for the second session in this series. It will include testimonies, fellowship, and light snacks. Come meet Evan and Daniel!



Did you know that 390,000 children are in foster care in the United States? You can help these vulnerable children. All are invited to the Film & Foster Fair on Saturday, May 24, at 12 p.m. in the St. Therese Parish Hall. Watch the short film *"Adopting Faith"* and learn from area foster organizations about ways you can volunteer to help foster children, including but not mentoring, donating physical items, or even becoming a foster parent. The event is free but RSVPs are requested. Visit <https://bit.ly/4jCMui7>



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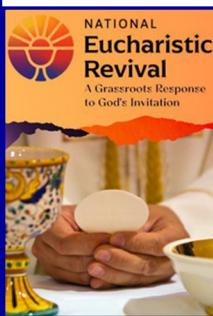
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National Eucharistic Revival



Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 30: Intercessions—After the Creed, as a conclusion to the Liturgy of the Word, the community prays together, asking God for various needs. This part of the Mass has several names, including the Prayer of the Faithful, General Intercessions, Universal Prayer, or Petitions. praying together as Christians has been part of our life from the beginning. As Charles Belmonte notes, “To pray for the needs of the Church and of the world is an early Christian custom. St. Paul admonishes Timothy, one of his disciples: ‘First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity.’ (1 Tim 2:1–2)” (Understanding the Mass, p. 104). Thus, it shouldn’t surprise us that

this part of the Mass stretches all the way back to those earliest descriptions of the Mass, including the one by St. Justin Martyr (+165 AD).

The names “General Intercessions” and “Universal Prayer” instruct us on the composition of these prayers. They are prayed in a general way for wide-ranging needs, typically following a pattern of praying for the needs of the Church, for public authorities and the salvation of the world, for those burdened by any kind of difficulty, and for the local community.

As the name “Prayer of the Faithful” indicates, from the earliest times the baptized members of the congregation (the faithful) took part in this prayer (those who weren’t yet baptized were dismissed after the readings and homily so that they could further study and prepare to be received into the Church). In a wonderful way, the Prayer of the Faithful highlights one of the great privileges we have as God’s people: being able to join together in asking God for what we need. **Source:** Fr. Luke Spannagel’s blog at <https://www.stphil.com/church/eucharistic-revival-walk-through-the-Mass/>

Mass Intentions

May 17—May 24, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Silverio Reyes, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 am: Lambert Family, INT

7:30 a.m.: Leah Sia-Ferrer, Birthday INT

9:00 a.m.: Corazon Aclaro, INT

11:00 a.m.: Parishioners

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Mother's Day Novena 7

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

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 8

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

8:00 a.m.: Jessica Arakawa, INT

7:15 p.m.: Angie Sandoval, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: All Souls in Purgatory

*7:30 a.m.: Teresie Nally, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Mother Day Novena 9

7:15 p.m.: Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Philip Sia, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Minkee Sohn & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Luke Arellano, 12th Birthday INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Elena Sy Su, Birthday INT

7:30 a.m.: Gabriella Coyle-Lacayo, INT

8:00 a.m.: Maryanne Losorelli, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Danilo P. Buenavente, RIP

7:30 am: Dylan Yamamoto & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Emma Cox, Birthday INT

Saturday Morning

7:30 a.m.: Cloistered Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Maria Lapidario & Family, INT

*Held at the Cloistered
Carmelite Chapel (215 East
Alhambra Road, Alhambra).
Open to the public except on

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

"JUBILEE OF HOPE" PILGRIMAGE TO ALABAMA! SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT AND EWTN, home of Mother Angelica, July 15-23, 2025, with Fr. Huy Nguyen. Daily Mass with the Poor Claire cloistered nuns, a healing service and spiritual talks by the Franciscan friars, a visit to the Pope St. John Paul II Eucharistic Museum, a rosary procession to a replica of Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto and the Stations of the Eucharist. We'll attend a world-wide televised Mass at EWTN and so much more! Enjoy peace and tranquility along with fun, fellowship, and great southern hospitality. For more info please contact Albert and Mary Helen Estrada: (626) 533-4839. Limited spots available.

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE, AND ITALY with Fr. Julius Ntalo, OCD: Join this 14-day pilgrimage from July 11 to 24, 2025, to all four countries listed in the title. For more info and to receive an itinerary, contact ABM Tours at 310-514-3323 or 408-903-6305 or maddatubeth2@gmail.com. See more info at abmtours.com.

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).

*I will praise
your name for ever,
my King
and my God!*