



St. Therese Catholic Church

September 17, 2023 | 510 North El Molino Street | Alhambra CA 91801 | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org Est. 1924

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. and *7:15 p.m.
(***NO** 7:15 p.m. on Wed.; Tues's 7:15 p.m. is in **Spanish**).
Carmelite Nuns' Chapel: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

Note: the daily 8:00 a.m., the Monday evening 7:15 p.m.,
and the Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses are all **LIVE
STREAMED** on Facebook AND YouTube)
Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass

CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays from **7:00** to 9:00 p.m.;
Saturdays 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+235
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Fr. David Guzman, OCD X 1+232

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Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD

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...the Kingdom of Heaven may be likened to a king who
decided to settle accounts with his servants...
(Matthew 18:21-35).



ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL SACRAMENTS

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www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

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principal@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com



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

The Pastor's Letter



Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

Knowing that our patroness has been declared the “greatest saint of modern times,” I hope and pray that you are taking advantage of the great graces of this special jubilee year of our patroness and truly benefiting from these “little” excerpts from her life in order to get to know her.

This next offering is the introduction to a very famous and monumental moment in St. Therese’s life, often called her “Christmas miracle.” Here we see a very relatable Therese who, like many of us, is in need of healing. Let us all seek the necessary healing in our lives so that, like our patroness, we too can be more disposed to become the “little” saints that God is calling us to be! To go deeper into this “School of Therese,” you are all invited to attend our preached novena beginning this week on Friday, September 22nd ([see Page Three](#))!

—Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.

Introduction to the text of “The Grace of Christmas” (MS A, 44r-45v)

Therese of Lisieux turned fourteen shortly after this event she recounted. At Christmas, she experienced a full recovery from a hypersensitivity that had wounded her life since the death of her mother when Therese was four-and-a-half. Her temperament changed; she became shy and a little withdrawn. Hypersensitive, she cried for no reason and then cried again because she had cried! Nine years later, she evoked this foundational event that we often call “the grace of Christmas.”

For clarification of the story that will follow this introduction, here are the explanations for some of the terms and phrases used in the recounting of this story:

The “**four little angels**” refers to her siblings who died in infancy or early childhood. They are Helene, born October 10, 1864, and died February 22, 1870; Joseph-Luis, born September 20, 1866, and died February 14, 1867; Joseph-Jean-Baptiste, born December 19, 1867, and died August 24, 1868; and Melanie-Therese, born August 16, 1870, and died October 8, 1870.

“**Bientôt**” [soon or speedily] (MS A, 44r) was a favorite word for the impatient Therese (she used it 218 times in her writings). Already in 1895, Therese thought she was going to die soon; in February 1895, in her poem “Vivre d’Amour” [Living on Love] (Poem 17), she wrote: “For I sense my exile is about to end!...”

“**My extreme sensitivity**” (MS A, 44v): This childlike sensitivity was to remain underlying throughout Therese’s life, judging by the number of uses of the words “crying” or “tears.”

“**The delights of the Holy Trinity**” (MS A, 44v) [ICS p. 97]: The word “delights” is a strong word for Therese to designate the happiness of God, the happiness He gives and the happiness He feels.

“**To run as a giant**” (MS A, 44v): Therese also used this expression in a letter to Celine on April 25, 1893 (Letter 241).

“**The grace of Christmas**” (MS A, 44r-45v): “Jesus had changed her heart!” (MS A, 45r) [ICS p.98]: Her sister Celine confirmed this: “I witnessed this sudden change and thought I was in the middle of a dream, when, for the first time, I saw her completely master a pain that would have previously left her desolate; she was cheering up my father with a lovely grace. This change was decisive; after that, never again was she dominated by the shocks of her sensitivity.”

“**To work for the conversion of sinners**” (MS A, 45v): Celine went on to declare: “This transformation was not limited to the mastery of herself, but it was seen, at the same time, that her soul flourished and was exercised in the practices of zeal and charity. She dreamed of the salvation of souls and worked ardently and generously for the conversion of sinners.”

Carmelite Mission, Uganda



For all parishioners wishing to support our Carmelite Mission in Uganda, we ask that you no longer write|send checks to St. Therese but to our Carmelite Mission.

You can directly mail checks to our Mission office in Redlands at Carmelite Mission Office, PO Box 8700, Redlands, CA 92375 (make checks payable to "Carmelite Mission"). You can contact Noralyn for the Tax ID # for tax purposes. Thank you!

Novena of Masses in Honor of Our Patroness St. Therese

Join us—during this special jubilee year of our patroness, St. Therese—for a **preached Novena (nine days) of Masses**. The **Novena will be from September 22 through September 30**, followed by the Feast Day Mass on October 1 at 11:00 a.m.



The Mass times for each of those days is as follows:

Weeknights: 7:15 p.m.
 Saturdays (September 23|30): 8:00 a.m. | 5:00 p.m.
 Sundays (September 24|October 1): 11:00 a.m.

Cloistered Nuns' Auxiliary Seeks Young Adult Volunteers

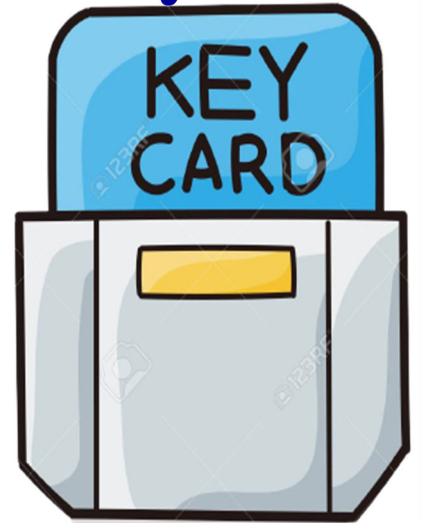


The Alhambra Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary is seeking **YOUNG ADULTS TO JOIN AS AUXILIARY ASSOCIATES**. Volunteers will be called to assist in fundraising

events for the benefit of the Nuns. Your help will be needed twice a year—in the Spring and Fall—as well as with other special projects throughout the year. Volunteers need not attend the monthly meetings but will receive the minutes via email. Your time commitment would be flexible. For more info, please contact Jessica Morgan at jessica.morgan@gmail.com.

Adoration Key Cards

For all adorers who have lost or are no longer using their electronic key, please notify the parish office so that we can update our records. Thank you!



FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you for giving from your heart! Below you will find the total collection for last weekend, as well as for the previous four weekends. Note: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH for our School.



	September 9 / 10, 2023
Unrestricted.....	\$15,471.00
Restricted	\$ 220.00
T O T A L.....	\$15,691.00

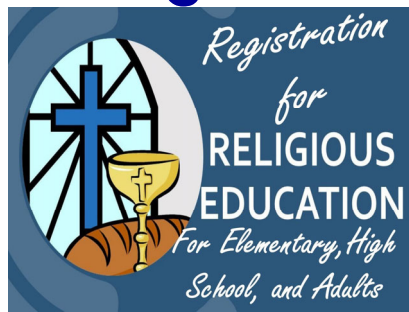
August 12 / 13	\$20,129.00
August 19 / 20	\$17,442.00
August 26 / 27	\$16,658.00
September 3 / 4	\$18,090.00

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

Volunteers Needed to Help With Our 100th Anniversary in 2024!

St. Therese Church was founded in 1924 by the Discalced Carmelite Friars from the Irish Province. If you would like to join the **Committee for the Parish Centenary Year**, chaired by Fr. Stephen Watson, please call the Parish Office at (626) 282-2744, ext. 0, and leave your name, phone number, and email address.

Religious Education!



**CLASSES FOR
ELEMENTARY GRADES
(INCLUDING FIRST
COMMUNION),
Confirmation for High
School Students, and
RCIA/Adult Confirmation
all started last week!**

BUT YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO REGISTER! To do so, download the appropriate registration form from the website (Rel. Educ.) and then bring it to the office with the registration fee (cash or check) and, if applicable, a copy of each student's Baptism and First Communion certificates. **The schedule for the year is also on our website.**

Catechists Needed!

Our Religious Education program is seeking catechists (religion teachers) for its non-Sacramental elementary grades.



Catechists must be practicing Catholics who enjoy working with children. Must be willing to be fingerprinted and attend a Virtus training session.

If you are interested, please email the coordinator, Florence Goh, at stcreligioused7@gmail.com.

The Flame of Love: The Greatest Gift of Grace for Our Time

Living in the Flame
Weekly Agenda

**Wednesday: For Priestly Vocations
+ Night Vigil**



Jesus said: "On Wednesday, pray for priestly vocations. Many young men have these desires, but they do not meet anyone to help them to gain the goal. Your night vigil will gain abundant graces. . . Ask Me for many young men with a fervent heart. You will get as many as requested because the desire lies in the soul of many young men, but there is no one helping them to realize their goal. Do not be overwhelmed. Through the prayers of the night vigil, you can obtain abundant graces for them."

Mary said, "Do not let your mind be distracted during the night vigil, as it is an extremely useful exercise for the soul, elevating it to God. Make the required physical effort. I also did many vigils myself. I was the one who stayed up nights while Jesus was a little baby. St. Joseph worked very hard so we would have enough to live on. You should also be doing it that way."

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 6:45 p.m. The Flame of Love books are available for sale in the parish offices.

If you have any questions, please contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.

Love and Responsibility Conference

Healing & Freedom to Love Authentically

Saturday, September 30 (8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Held at the Pastoral Center of the Christ Cathedral Campus

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All those interested in this full-day conference are invited to attend! It features three inspiring talks from three different speakers (including our own Fr. Robert!), individual reflection time, interactive small groups, and healing prayer and fellowship.

Conference Theme and Topics:

- Identify Roadblocks that may be keeping us from forming healthy relationships
- Learn approaches that free us to love God, others, and ourselves more authentically
- Understand the power of forgiveness, healing prayer, and renunciation.
- Get inspired by St. Therese: A Model of Transforming our struggles into virtuous love

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Featured Speakers



Fr. John Winkowitsch



Dr. Jennifer Havey



Fr. Robert Barcelos

Spaces are limited! **RSVP by September 23** at <https://linktr.ee/loveandresponsibilityla>.

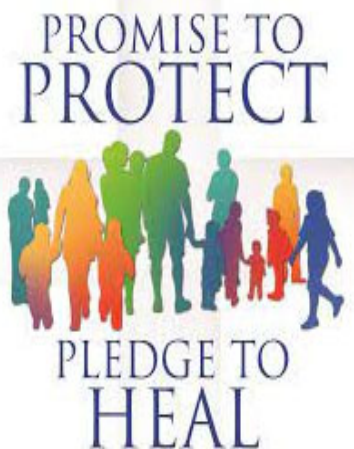
Suggested donation per person is \$40 (lunch included).

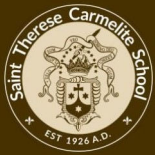
Send your questions to us via email at loveandresponsibilityla@gmail.com.

Safeguard the Children - Did You Know?

Why do children not disclose abuse? Child abuse victims are often scared and anxious to tell a trusted adult about the abuse they have suffered. These fears prevent a majority of victims from telling their parents, teachers, or other trusted adults about abuse, which, sadly, perpetuates the cycle.

Victims may be afraid that they will get in trouble, or will not be believed, or will be ashamed or criticized. For information on how to overcome or counteract these fears, read the VIRTUS® article "Barriers Minors Face to Disclosing Child Sexual Abuse" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.





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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023



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Mass Intentions

September 16—September 23, 2023

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Maureen Grobarek, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: (Carm): Jose N. Vales, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Doc Hart, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Salvatore Lucente, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Ursulina Aquino, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Michael Abril, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Leonard Taufik Solichin, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Lilian V. Arevalo, INT

8:00 a.m.: Claire Hinds, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Jordan Martin Del Campo, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Jessie Martinez, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: James McCourt, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Lorna Lloyd, INT

7:15 p.m.: (Spanish): Engracia Vales, RIP

Wednesday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Steven Smuckler, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Sophie Eloise E. Pulido, INT

7:15 p.m.: **NO MASS—Confessions 7-9 p.m.**

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Thelma Saddul, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Basilia Cailan, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Engracia Vales, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Stephen Jerez, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Rudy & Rebecca Lopez, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Engracia Vales, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Gerardo Adan, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Dominador Tugade, Jr., INT

Saturday Morning:

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

8:00 a.m.: Serra Grimm, 8th Birthday INT

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel. The Carmel's Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays and holidays.**

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the 7:15 p.m. Monday evening Mass are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube. Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage



Join the Carmelite Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of St. Therese of Lisieux & St. Elizabeth of the Trinity," from Sept 28-Oct 11, incl. Paris, Lourdes, Ars, etc. Chaplains are Fr. Mark Kissner, OCD, and Fr. Joseph Mary Tran, OCD.

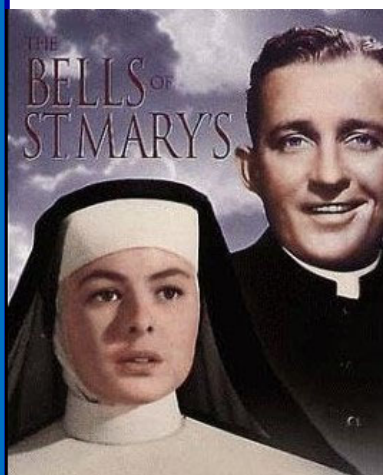
Contact Beth Maddatu at (408) 903-6305 | maddatubeth2@gmail.com.

This 'n That

WANT TO KEEP A COVID TEST IN YOUR HOUSE JUST IN CASE?

We have FREE Covid tests in the Parish Office. Just come during our regular hours and you can pick up as many as you need.

SAVE THE DATE!



We will have a Parish Movie Night on our Big Screen in the parking lot on Saturday, October 28, starting at 6:30 .m. The featured movie will be

THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S
starring Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman