

St. Therese Catholic Church



January 25, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org



Zebedee and his two sons, James and John

Simon Peter and his brother Andrew

MASSSES | 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

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

Associate Pastors: Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, OCD

Fr. David Guzman, OCD X 1+232

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(X 1+226), Fr. Raymond Bueno, OCD (X 1+222),

Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD

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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,

This past Thursday, January 22nd, was designated by the United States' Catholic Bishops—as they do every year—to be a **“Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.”** This weekend, multiple pro-life events mark the 53rd anniversary of legalized abortion in our country: the National March For Life in Washington D.C. on Friday the 23rd, the San Francisco Walk For Life and our local One Life LA on Saturday the 24th, along with many others across the nation.

We must continue to do what we can to eradicate the horrific scourge of abortion from our country and world. In the box below is the official statement on this occasion from Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities:

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD

Pray for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children!

by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas



Day Of Prayer for the Unborn babies

“January 22 marks the anniversary of the tragic U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*, that legalized abortion nationwide and led to the loss of over 65 million children and immeasurable harm to their parents and family members. This solemn day is commemorated each year with the observance of the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children for prayer, penance, and our personal recommitment to the cause of life.

“We continue to give thanks to God for the opportunity to defend human life in law through the overturning of *Roe* in 2022. Since that time, we have seen several pro-life victories. Most recently, at the national level, Congress acted heroically last year in largely defunding Planned Parenthood of federal taxpayer dollars. Meanwhile, the Administration has reversed several of its predecessor's pro-abortion policies.

“Despite these successes, human life is still gravely threatened by legalized abortion as it continues to be aggressively promoted at the state and federal level. Many challenges remain, including pro-abortion ballot initiatives, the increased use and availability of abortion pills, and the need to protect the Hyde Amendment to keep taxpayer funded abortion out of national health care bills. We must continue to support pregnant and parenting mothers in need and offer spiritual and emotional help to all who have participated in abortion. Our united prayers, sacrifices, and efforts to protect human life and heal the wounds inflicted by abortion remain as important as ever.

“As our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV has said, ‘God's mercy calls us to protect every life, especially those society overlooks—the child yet to be born and the elderly nearing their journey's end—because each bears Christ's face.’ May we see the face of Christ in every single person, in every pregnant mother, and every child in the womb. Let us remain steadfast in our commitment to ensure that every human life may be protected in law and welcomed in love, and that abortion may be unthinkable.”



Saint Therese Carmelite School

Faith ✠ Academics ✠ Virtue

Open House

Sunday,
January 25,
10:00 am-3:00 pm
TK-8th Grade



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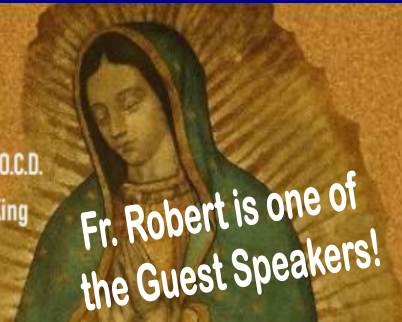
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US ON



THE FEAST
DAY OF THE
HOLY FACE

SHROVE TUESDAY

Fr. Michael Barry, SS.CC
Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, O.C.D.
*Guest Speaker Zachary King
and much more ...*



Fr. Robert is one of
the Guest Speakers!

ARISE O LORD AND LET THY ENEMIES BE SCATTERED

HOLY FACE CONFERENCE

Tuesday, February 17, 2026: 9 am - 11 pm

Pico Rivera Sports Arena

11003 Sports Arena Dr., Pico Rivera, CA 90601

www.myremnantarmy.com

Toll Free: 844•415•3314

SCAN TO REGISTER



DINNER IN HONOR OF THE PRIESTHOOD



All parishioners are invited to come to the Hall **THIS Friday evening, January 30**, to celebrate the ordinations of all our Carmelite Friars, especially **Fr. David Guzman's "Sweet Sixteenth" Anniversary of Ordination** on the actual day of this dinner (he was ordained on **January 30, 2010**).

The other dates of ordination—in chronological order—are: **Fr. Albert's on June 3, 1967** (58 plus years); **Fr. Stephen's on June 16, 1984** (41 plus years); **Fr. Robert Elias' on June 13, 2008** (17 plus years); **Fr. Raymond's**

on October 13, 2012 (14 plus years); and **Fr. Peter Mary's on August 15, 2015** (ten plus years). And let's not forget **Bro. Jason** who—though not ordained—made his solemn profession as a Carmelite brother on **February 11, 2014**.

For this **complementary** dinner, we will be serving tacos with all the fixings, from **6:00 to 10:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. **If you could BRING AN EXTRA SIDE DISH OR A DESSERT to share AND/OR would like to volunteer your help, please email stMichaelsArmy@protonmail.com.**

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.

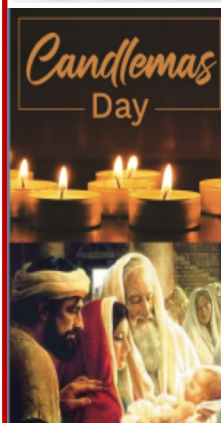
Fr. Matthias of the
Immaculate Heart, O.C.D.

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



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 will be here on **Monday, February 2nd**, for Candlemas and the Flame of Love Conference. There will be a **special Mass** that evening at 7:15 p.m. (She will remain with us through Sunday, February 8.)

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



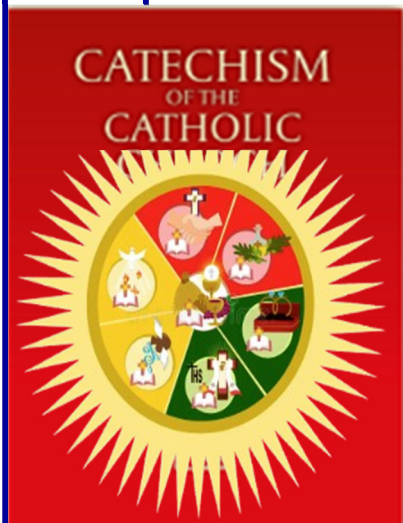
Financial Offerings

This bulletin had to be submitted for printing before the weekend of January 17/18. The totals for that weekend will be published in the bulletin of February 1, 2026.

Christmas 2025	\$21,244.00
December 27 / 28	\$18,101.00
January 3 / 4	\$40,186.00
January 10 / 11	\$13,746.00

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

Fr. Stephen's Series of Classes on the Catechism of the Catholic Church



Fr. Stephen's next class in this series will be held **THIS Tuesday, January 27**—from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room (every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, unless otherwise notified).

This class is on **Part II of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, titled "*The Celebration of the Christian Mystery*."** The specific focus for this class is **The Seven Sacraments**.

This section explains how God's saving work is made present and effective in the Church through the seven visible signs of grace called Sacraments.

Each class stands on its own, so you may join at any time.

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



A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is required to reserve your room (check or money order payment only—Sorry... NO VenMo, Zelle or credit card will be 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, please 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 24—January 31, 2026

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Diego & Lulu Guzman, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Thanh Ha Nguyen & Family, INT

7:30 a.m.: Ray and Karen Cuevas, INT

9:00 a.m.: Charles "Chuck" Marikian, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Parishioners

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): John Salinas, RIP

5:00 pm: Doris Marikian, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Raymond Tittmann, B-Day INT

*7:30 a.m.: Teresa Natalie Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Augustin Solaun, INT

7:15 p.m.: Mrs. Sia Hua, INT

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

6:00 a.m.: Danny & Rita Hummel, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Isaias Diokno, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Haze Ryan, INT

7:15 p.m.: Elaine Leiber, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Patricia Torres, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Cynthia Diep & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Lupe Chalet Luna, RIP

Thursday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Peter Halpin & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Maria Consuelo Hernandez, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Reyes Family, INT

*7:30 am: Antonius Maringka, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Heliodoro De Avila, RIP

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 am: John & Cecilia Arellano, 22nd Anniv

***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

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. **For the complete itinerary and an application, go to the home page of our website and scroll**

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

+ BENITO RIVERA (Father of Claudia Rivera)

