

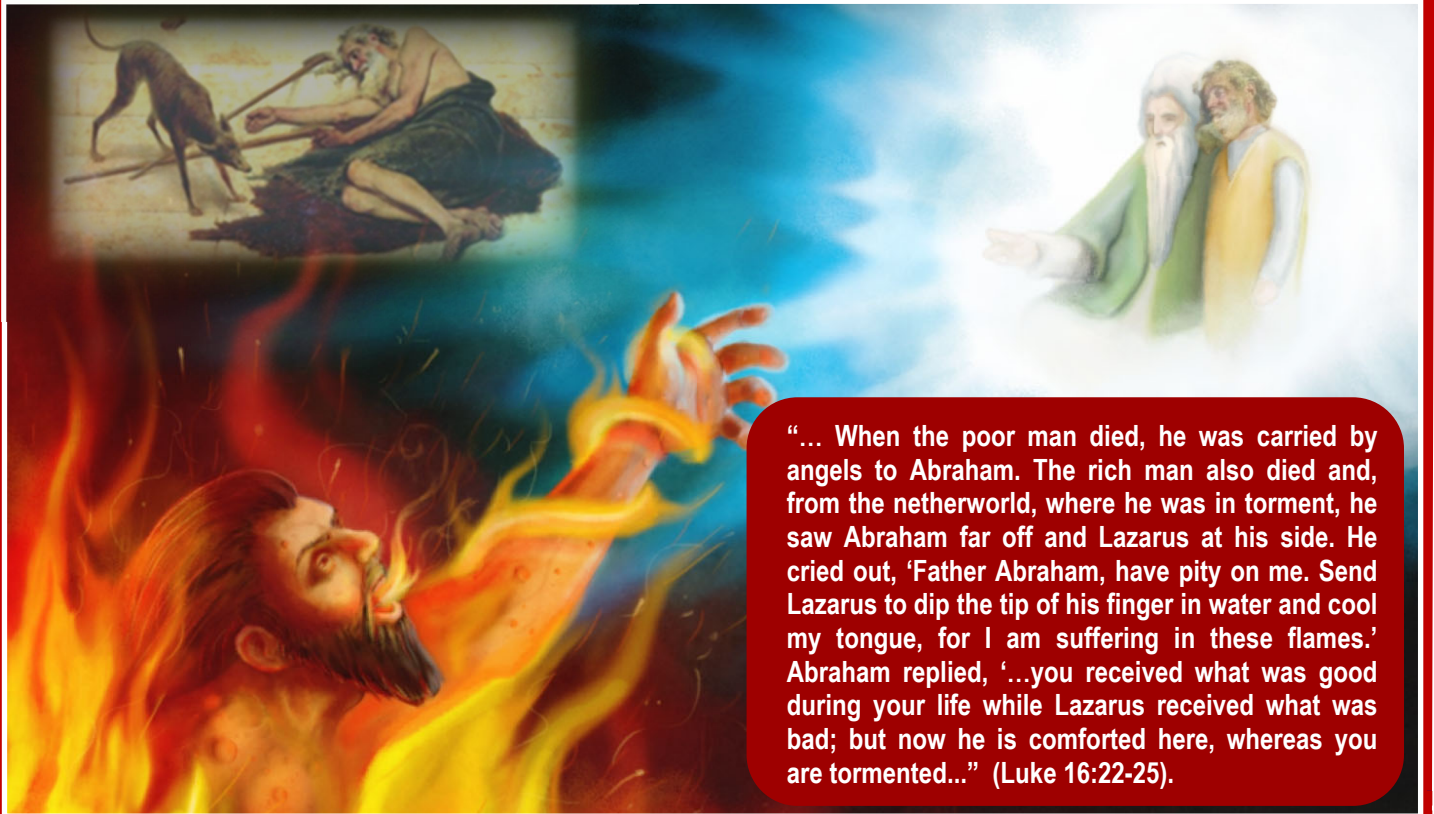
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St. Therese Catholic Church



September 28, 2025 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org



“... When the poor man died, he was carried by angels to Abraham. The rich man also died and, from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. He cried out, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering in these flames.’ Abraham replied, ‘...you received what was good during your life while Lazarus received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented...’ (Luke 16:22-25).

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

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

Associate Pastors: Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, OCD

Fr. David Guzman, OCD X 1+232

In Residence: Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD, Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD

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

Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD

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Deacon Rex Owens: All at X 1+333;

Annulments: Deacon Gilbert Vargas X 1+333

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ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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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,

Have a blessed Solemnity of St. Therese this Wednesday! I hope you're enjoying our Novena with Fr. Pier Giorgio. Our pilgrimage group from the Parish will be in Lisieux on October 1st for St. Therese's Feast Day. We will remember you all in prayer that day!

Let us continue with St. Therese's *"Trial of Faith."*

"THE TRIAL OF FAITH" **(Manuscript C [4v-7v] - Part III)**

"What I am writing, dear Mother, has no continuity; my little story which resembled a fairy tale is all of a sudden changed into a prayer, and I don't know what interest you could possibly have in reading all these confused and poorly expressed ideas. Well, dear Mother, I am not writing to produce a literary work, but only through obedience. If I cause you any boredom, then at least you will see that your little child has given proof of her good will. I am going to continue my little comparison where I left off.



"I was saying that the certainty of going away one day far from the sad and dark country had been given me from the day of my childhood. I did not only believe this because I heard it from persons much more knowledgeable than I, but I also felt in the bottom of my heart real longings for this most beautiful country. Just as the genius of Christopher Columbus gave him a presentiment of a new world when nobody had even thought of such a thing, so also I felt that another land would one day serve me as a permanent dwelling place. Then suddenly the fog that surrounds me becomes more dense; it penetrates my soul and envelops it in such a way that it is impossible to discover within it the sweet image of my Fatherland; everything has disappeared!

"When I want to rest my heart fatigued by the darkness that surrounds it by the memory of the luminous country after which I aspire, my torment redoubles; it seems to me that the darkness, borrowing the voice of sinners, says mockingly to me: 'You are dreaming about the light, about a fatherland embalmed in the sweetest perfumes; you are dreaming about the eternal possession of the Creator of all these marvels; you believe that one day you will walk out of this fog that surrounds you! Advance, advance; rejoice in death which will give you not what you hope for but a night still more profound, the night of nothingness.'

"Dear Mother, the image I wanted to give you of the darkness that obscures my soul is as imperfect as a sketch is to the model; however, I don't want to write any longer about it; I fear I might blaspheme; I fear even that I have already said too much."

Feast of St. Therese this Wednesday, October 1



Fr. Pier Glogio Pacelli, OCD, will continue with the Novena to St. Therese through this Tuesday, September 30. He will



also celebrate her **Feast Day Mass on October 1, at 7:15 p.m., with a FULL CHOIR.**

The Novena is in the evenings beginning with Mass at 6:15 p.m. (the **Feast Day Mass will be at 7:15 p.m.**). See the full schedule in the boxes below, including **Confessions on Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** ***** We will resume our normal schedule after the Feast Day.

WEEKDAYS (Monday—Friday)

Holy Mass: 6:15 p.m.
Conference: 7:00 p.m.
Holy Hour: 8:00 p.m.

(Confessions on Wednesday,
October 1, 7:00-9:00 p.m.)

WEEKENDS (Saturday and Sunday)

Holy Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Conference: 6:15 p.m.
Holy Hour: 7:15 p.m.

Feast Day Mass, October 1, 7:15 p.m.

NOVENA TO ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS AND THE HOLY FACE Prayed after every Mass from September 22 through 30

Heavenly Father, we thank you for bringing the relics of St. Thérèse here to us next month. Continue to bless our preparations, give us your guidance, your strength, and your peace. May our prayers and sacrifices help build up the Church: Give us conversions, healings, and vocations. Fill our churches and our hearts with your presence and your joy. *"May we love you and make you greatly loved."* Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Our Lady of the Smile, pray for us. Saint Joseph, pray for us.
Saints Louie and Zelig, pray for us. Saint Thérèse, pray for us.**

Financial Offerings



September 20 / 21, 2025

Unrestricted..... \$19,636.00
Restricted \$ 5,080.00
T O T A L.....\$24,716.00

August 23 / 24 \$25,600.00
August 30 / 31 \$25,632.00
September 6 / 7 \$16,853.00
September 13 / 14 \$20,925.00

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

CARMELITE AUXILIARY HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & BOUTIQUE

The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary invites you to their annual Holiday Luncheon and Boutique on **Thursday, October 16 (10:30 a.m.: Boutique and Social Hour | Noon: Luncheon)**. This year's event will be at a **new location: Church of Our Savior, 535 W. Roses Road, San Gabriel.**

The event includes a Treasure Sale, a 50/50 raffle, and a Silent Auction! Also available for purchase will be the Carmelite Nuns' specialty breads, candy, nuts, and handmade items, as well as a variety of plants and holiday gift items.

Please **RSVP by October 6** by sending a check (made payable to Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary) for **\$45 per person** to Kathy Cardoza, 710 Lindaraxa Park South, Alhambra 91801. Include your name and any guests' names and your phone number.

**Handicap Drop-Off
at the Circular Driveway**

AMPLE PARKING!

For questions, call Kathy at (626) 570-9012.

Deus Vocat Invites You to Meet Our Carmelite Postulants

FR. MATTHIAS LAMBRECHT OCD
VOCATION DIRECTOR

FR. JAN LUNDBERG, OCD
ASS'T POSTULANT MASTER

JESS SANCHEZ

RYAN COTTINGAME

STEVEN ELLISON

Fr. Matthias Lambrecht invites you to the Parish Hall next Sunday to meet our three Carmelite Postulants and hear their personal testimony about their calls to Carmel. You will also learn more about the Carmelite Order, the necessary requirements to become a Carmelite Postulant, and the process for discerning a vocation to the brotherhood or the priesthood.

Food and Drinks Provided!

...and a special gift for all guests!

No need to RSVP

Date: October 5, 2025

Time: 3:00pm

Location: St. Therese Parish Hall



DEUS VOCAT DATE NIGHT



**FREE CHILD CARE
PROVIDED**

Celebrate the gift of marriage and rekindle the joy of your vocation together! Whether you are discerning marriage, engaged, newlyweds, or celebrating many years of wedded life, this evening is designed to help couples renew their love and commitment in the holy Sacrament of Marriage.

Date: Saturday, October 18, 2025

Time: 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Location: St. Therese Parish Hall

Donation: \$50 per couple (includes dinner)

RSVP: Simply text Marcela Figueroa de Alcala at (626) 940-4899 with your name and the number of tickets you would like to purchase.

THE EVENING WILL FEATURE:

...romantic music, dinner, and a fun couples' activity. Come ready to laugh, pray, and celebrate your vocation together!

Expect Showers (of Roses) in TWO Weeks!



In just under two weeks, the relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux will arrive to St. Therese Church—and she's ready to let rain down upon us a new "shower of roses" full of heavenly graces!

St. Thérèse is known for her powerful intercession, especially in bringing souls back to the Church, inspiring conversions, healing,

vocations, and countless quiet miracles. Our world is in need of her "Little Way" now more than ever. Donations of any size are gratefully welcomed to help support this beautiful event. For the full national and local schedule, visit: <https://StThereseUSA2025.com>.

Large crowds are expected, and volunteers are needed, especially for hospitality and welcoming. **To sign up, please scan the QR code in the bottom right corner of this notice for the sign up form.** IF for some reason you cannot access it, then SEND A TEXT TO Amber at (626) 840-7250 (no calls please).



"God is all mercy and love."

"I will come down... I will let fall a shower of roses."



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS
TO THE
IMMACULATE
HEART OF MARY

Mark your calendar for our next First Saturdays Devotion on October 4, 2025, and join us for the Rosary and a 15-minutes meditation after the 8:00 a.m. Mass!

Sister Lucia's Long Journey in Spreading the First Saturdays Devotion (Part Five)

In 1939, Sister Lucia wrote several times to Father Aparicio about the urgency of the matter: "Whether there is going to be peace or war in the world depends on the practice of this devotion, along with the Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is why I am so anxious for its propagation; and, above all, because it is the Will of Our Dear Lord and Our Dearly Beloved Heavenly Mother (March 1939).

"Our Lady promised to postpone the scourge of war if this devotion is spread and practiced. We see her putting off this chastisement in the measure that efforts are being made to spread it. But I am afraid that we are not doing all that we are able to, and that God, in no way satisfied, may raise the arm of His mercy and let the world be ravaged by this punishment, which will be as never has been—horrible, horrible!" (June 1939). Bishop de Silva finally gave official approval to the devotion in September 1939, *after* World War II had broken out.



(Source: www.Bluearmy.com)



The Little Way Dinner & Benefit Auction

Honoring Miss Suzi

benefitting the
SAINT THERESE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Friday, October 17, 2025
5:30 PM

RSVP by Friday, October 3

Please visit onecau.se/stcs
or text **STCS** to **44834**
for online registration and
more information

Want to sit with your favorite Friar?

You can purchase a table for you and eight guests to sit with Fr. Peter Mary, Fr. Stephen, Fr. Robert, Fr. Raymond, or Fr. David.

Purchase now before they sell out!



Because of our Novena Mass for St. Therese, the Healing Prayer Ministry will **NOT** be available after the Mass on **Monday September 29.**

HPM will return after the 7:15 p.m. Mass on Monday, October 6.

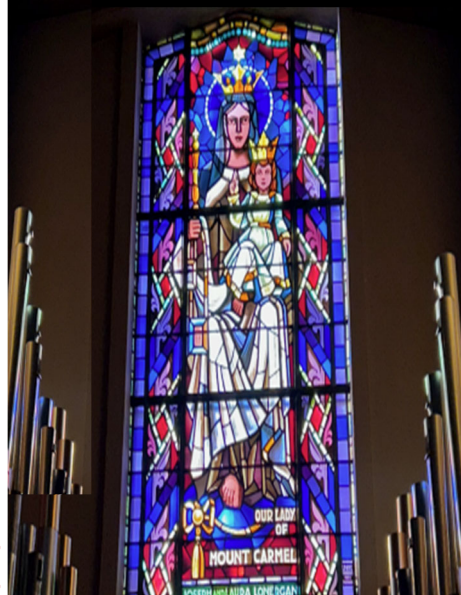
COME AND SEE!

St. Therese Parish Choir resumes rehearsals for the 2025-2026 liturgical year on **Wednesdays, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Choir Room** (in the church basement). Our first 11:00 a.m. Mass will be September 14, celebrating the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. On October 11 and 12, the Choir will sing for two of the Masses offered during the visitation of the relics of St. Therese.

On November 2, All Souls' Day, the Choir sings the Fauré Requiem at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. For the Midnight and 11:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day, the Choir performs a special program before Mass begins.

If you have sung in a high school, college, community, or parish choir before, consider offering your time and talent to this beautiful parish of St. Therese.

Contact Charlotte Lansberg
credochoir1@gmail.com
626-282-2744 ex 112



Mass Intentions

September 27—October 4, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Isaias Diokno, RIP

Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m.: Garcia Family, INT

9:00 a.m.: Anthony Felice, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Brigit Grimm, 26th Birthday INT

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Ursulina Aquino, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Sue Porto & Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Atlas Chambliss, INT

8:00 a.m.: Carlos Ibarra Family, INT

6:15 p.m.: Isaias Diokno, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Antony Puzhakkara, OCD, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Fred Bunsic, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Luis Motta, Jr., Birthday INT

6:15 p.m.: Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday—Feast of St. Therese:

6:00 a.m.: Anthony Sia, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Atlas Chambliss, INT

8:00 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

6:15 p.m.: Cailan Family, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Robert Hopkins, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Fred Bunsic, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Louie Torres, RIP

First Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Cathleen Thompson, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Ms. Fely Bernardo Cruz, RIP

7:15 p.m.: The Missionaries of Charity, INT

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Robert Hopkins, RIP

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

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

PILGRIMAGE TO GUADALUPE, MEXICO, with Carmelite friar Fr. Joseph Mary Tran, OCD, from Monday, **December 8**, through Saturday, **December 13, 2025**. Cost is \$2,250 per person, double occupancy. For more information, contact Beth Maddatu at maddatubeth2@gmail.com or 408-903-6305.

SEATS ARE FILLING FAST FOR THE PILGRIMAGE TO EASTERN EUROPE (Poland, Croatia, Medjugorje, etc.) with Carmelite friar **Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD**, from **September 3 to September 16, 2026**. Cost to be determined. For more information, contact Beth Maddatu at maddatubeth2@gmail.com or 408-903-6305.

Personal Ads

FOR SALE: Burial Plot (for two) at Live Oak Cemetery in Monrovia (husband decided to buy a plot in Los Angeles instead). \$12,000 obo. Call Maria Barraza at (323) 712-5912.



SEEKING A MATURE WOMAN to provide companionship and assistance for an elderly female parishioner (one to two days per week, up to four hours per day). Please call Frank at (626) 781-1092 to schedule an interview.



**Praise the Lord,
my soul!**

Psalms 146:7

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

+Rebeca Willis (longtime parishioner)

+Anthony Lugo

(husband of the late Rosalie Lugo

- Funeral on Fri., Oct. 3, 10:00 a.m.

