

St. Therese Catholic Church



April 5, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

He is Risen!



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

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Fr. David Guzman, OCD X 1+232

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Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD (X 1+226); Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD

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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

ONLINE GIVING

Please consider a gift to St. Therese Church.

Open your banking app and scan this Zelle QR code. Use email donateSTC@gmail.com. If asked, the recipient is THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF LA ST THERESE CHU.



PASTOR'S COLUMN



Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

A very Blessed and Happy Easter to you all!

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen! Alleluia! This ancient Paschal greeting is the tantamount reason for our hope as Christians! Everything changes because of Our Lord's Resurrection! May you all have a beautiful day with your families and a blessed fifty days of the Easter season! Below is an excerpt from **Pope Benedict's last Urbi et Orbi message on Easter in 2012.** —Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D.

“Surrexit Christus, spes mea” | “Christ, my hope, has risen” (Easter Sequence).



May the jubilant voice of the Church reach all of you with the words which the ancient hymn puts on the lips of Mary Magdalene, the first to encounter the risen Jesus on Easter morning. She ran to the other disciples and breathlessly announced: **“I have seen the Lord!”** (Jn 20:18). We too, who have journeyed through the desert of Lent and the sorrowful days of the Passion, today raise the cry of victory: **“He has risen! He has truly risen!”**

Every Christian relives the experience of Mary Magdalene. It involves an encounter which changes our lives: the encounter with a unique Man who lets us experience all of God's goodness and truth, who frees us from evil not in a superficial and fleeting way, but sets us free radically, heals us completely, and restores our dignity. This is why Mary Magdalene calls Jesus “my hope.” He was the one who allowed her to be reborn, who gave her a new future, a life of goodness and freedom from evil. “Christ my hope” means that all my yearnings for goodness find in Him a real possibility of fulfillment. With Him I can hope for a life that is good, full, and eternal, for God Himself has drawn near to us, even sharing our humanity.

But Mary Magdalene, like the other disciples, was to see Jesus rejected by the leaders of the people, arrested, scourged, condemned to death, and crucified. It must have been unbearable to see Goodness in person subjected to human malice, truth derided by falsehood, mercy abused by vengeance. With Jesus' death, the hope of all those who had put their trust in Him seemed doomed. But that faith never completely failed, especially in the heart of the Virgin Mary, Jesus' Mother. In her, its flame burned even in the dark of night. In this world, hope cannot avoid confronting the harshness of evil. It is not thwarted by the wall of death alone, but—even more—by the barbs of envy and pride, falsehood, and violence. Jesus passed through this mortal mesh in order to open a path to the kingdom of life. For a moment Jesus seemed vanquished: darkness had invaded the land, the silence of God was complete, hope a seemingly empty word.

And lo, on the dawn of the day after the Sabbath, the tomb is found empty. Jesus then shows Himself to Mary Magdalene, to the other women, to His disciples. Faith is born anew, more alive and stronger than ever, now invincible since it is based on a decisive experience: “Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own champion, slain, now lives to reign.” The signs of the resurrection testify to the victory of life over death, love over hatred, mercy over vengeance: “The tomb the living did enclose, I saw Christ's glory as He rose! The angels there attesting, shroud with grave-clothes resting.”

Dear brothers and sisters! If Jesus is risen, then—and only then—has something truly new happened, something that changes the state of humanity and the world. Then He, Jesus, is someone in whom we can put absolute trust; we can put our trust not only in His message but *in Jesus Himself*, for the Risen One does not belong to the *past*, but is *present* today, alive! Christ is hope and comfort in a particular way for those Christian communities suffering most for their faith on account of discrimination and persecution.

And He is present as a force of hope through His Church, which is close to all human situations of suffering and injustice.



Women!  *18 and over*
Starts *Endow*
April 8! |



**SMALL GROUPS. BIG DISCUSSIONS
 LIFE-CHANGING TRUTH.**

Learn more at www.endowgroups.org

**YOU'RE
 INVITED**
 SEEKER OF TRUTH

Women (18+) of St. Therese Parish!

Join us for our first meeting on April 8th!

We meet **weekly on Wednesdays** from
7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the **Avala Room /
 Guadalupe Courtyard** (within the Parish
 Office Building at 510 N El Molino Street).

OUR FIRST STUDY SUBJECT: THE WRITINGS OF EDITH STEIN—Raised in a devout Jewish family, Edith Stein drifted from her faith and became an atheist, but her relentless search for truth as a young German philosopher led to her conversion to Catholicism. Embracing a life of deep faith, she became a Carmelite nun and ultimately gave her life in martyrdom at Auschwitz. Her profound insights on the dignity and vocation of women deeply influenced Pope St. John Paul II's understanding of the feminine genius. This study explores Stein's life, writings, and witness, revealing God's guidance at every step. Let Edith Stein's unwavering faith and courageous witness inspire you to step out of your comfort zone and pursue truth with passion.

WHAT'S AN ENDOW GROUP?

An endow group is made up of women seeking to grow deeper in their faith with a community of like-minded women. Over eight sessions in their small group, women study the documents of the Church and the writings of the saints. Women take turns reading the study aloud and discussing their reflections. Any woman with an open heart to understand and live out of her feminine genius is invited to participate. We can't wait for you to join our Endow group!



For questions or to sign up, contact

Parishioner KARLA ZAVALA:

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(323) 365-0411

**There is NO homework and no
 fee (just the cost of the book).**

Space is limited!

JOIN US FOR
DIVINE MERCY NOVENA



APRIL 3 – APRIL 11, 2026
FROM GOOD FRIDAY
TO THE DAY BEFORE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

INSIDE THE CHURCH
AFTER 8 AM MASS

with the exceptions of the first three days and the final day

- † HOLY ROSARY
- † DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
- † DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

DAY 1: GOOD FRIDAY	6 – 7 PM (before 7:15 PM Sacred Liturgy)
DAY 2: HOLY SATURDAY	6 – 7 PM (before 8:00 PM Easter Vigil)
DAY 3: EASTER SUNDAY	3 – 4 PM (after Latin Mass)
DAY 4 – DAY 8: (Monday to Friday after EASTER)	9 – 10 AM (after 8 am Mass)
DAY 9: Final Day	3 – 4 PM

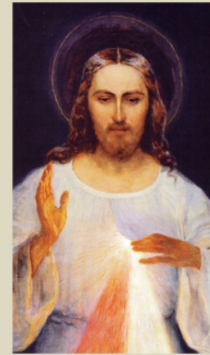


The Lord told me to say this chaplet for nine days before the Feast of Mercy. It is to begin on Good Friday. By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls. (Diary 796) ...So that every soul will praise My goodness. I desire trust from My creatures. Encourage souls to place great trust in My fathomless mercy. Let the weak, sinful soul have no fear to approach Me, for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all would be drowned in the unmeasurable depths of My mercy. (Diary 1059)

RETREAT

By

**Fr. JUSTIN TORRES,
OATH**



**APRIL 11
2026**

**SATURDAY
(DAY BEFORE DIVINE
MERCY SUNDAY)**

THE UNENDING MERCY AND LOVE OF GOD

- ❖ 8:00 AM: Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
- ❖ 9:00 – 9:45 AM: Coffee & Donuts, & Registration
- ❖ 10:00 AM: Holy Rosary
- ❖ 10:30 – Noon: Fr. Justin's Talk "The Unending Mercy and Love of God"
- ❖ Noon – 1:00 PM: Lunch Break (no lunch will be provided)
- ❖ 1:00 PM: Exposition & Healing
- ❖ 2:30 PM: Benediction
- ❖ 3:00 PM: Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- ❖ 3:00 – 5:00 PM: Confession



Sponsored by the Flame of Love Apostolate

For more info, contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080



The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns Auxiliary
Invites you and your guests to attend the

Shower of Roses

Annual Benefit Luncheon

"A Time For Love & Grace"

Luncheon & Fashion Show

Thursday, April 30, 2026

10:30 a.m. - Social Hour

RAFFLE DRAWINGS | OPPORTUNITY PRIZES | SILENT AUCTION

12:00 p.m. - Luncheon

The fee is \$85 per person
RSVP by April 15 to Sue Fulpas
at (626) 285-4649

Make checks payable to:
Cloistered Carmelite
Nuns' Auxiliary

Mail check to: Sue Fulpas
8729 East Ardenale Avenue
San Gabriel CA 91775

San Gabriel Country Club

350 East Hermosa Drive
San Gabriel, California 91775

Hosted Valet Parking



**SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH, IS
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**
Receive a Plenary Indulgence!

**SUNDAY,
APRIL 12,
2026**

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**JOIN US
IN THE
CHURCH
TO
PRAY FOR
DIVINE
MERCY!**

**3:00 TO
4:00 P.M.:**

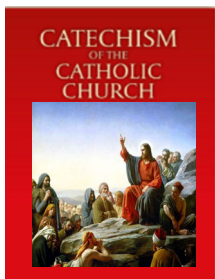
- EXPOSITION
- HOLY HOUR
- CONFESSION
- CHAPLET OF MERCY
- TALK BY DEACON GIL VARGAS ON "MERCY & HOPE"
- BENEDICTION

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

Fr. Stephen's Next Class in His Catechism Series

Fr. Stephen's next class will be **TUESDAY, APRIL 14—from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room**. This class will begin Part IV of the Catechism, which is on **Prayer**. On the 14th, **Fr. Stephen will speak on the *Our Father***. Each class stands on its own, so you may join at any time.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that the *Our Father* is the heart and model of all Christian prayer, calling it “the summary of the whole Gospel.” It explains that Jesus gave this prayer in response to the disciples’ request to be taught how to pray, entrusting it to the Church as the fundamental expression of a child’s relationship with God as Father. In the Catechism’s treatment, the *Our Father* places believers at the center of the Scriptures and of Christian life: its petitions first direct the heart toward God’s holiness, Kingdom, and will, and then toward human needs such as daily sustenance, forgiveness, and deliverance from evil. The Catechism emphasizes that this prayer not only teaches what to ask for, but how to desire rightly, shaping the believer’s trust, humility, and communion with God and with others (CCC 2759–2763, 2761 in particular). **All adults are welcome to attend!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WHEELCHAIR MISSION

April 11 & 12, 2026



The Knights of Columbus will be outside the church after all of **next weekend’s Masses** to accept donations to help provide wheelchairs for those who cannot afford one. Please stop and make a donation!

The Knights have partnered with the American Wheelchair Mission to obtain these wheelchairs at a deeply-discounted price for children, teens, and adults who lack the freedom of mobility.

The Global Wheelchair Mission is a perfect opportunity to put your faith in action through assisting the Knights with this charitable work. Since 2003, the Knights have sponsored the delivery of tens of thousands of wheelchairs around the world!

For more info, go to www.kofc.org/wheelchair.



A Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass

Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 41: The Prayer over the Offerings

Our next “stop” in this journey through the Mass is the **Prayer over the Offerings**. Similar to what we saw with the Collect at the beginning of Mass, the Prayer over the Offerings gives us a summary of our offering and points our minds and hearts to the coming

Eucharistic Prayer. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says, “Once the offerings have been placed on the altar and the accompanying rites completed, by means of the invitation to pray with the Priest and by means of The Prayer over the Offerings, the Preparation of the Gifts is concluded and preparation made for the Eucharistic Prayer. At Mass, a single Prayer over the Offerings is said, and it ends with the shorter conclusion; that is: ‘Through Christ our Lord.’ If, however, the Son is mentioned at the end of this prayer, the conclusion is: ‘Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.’ The people, joining in this petition, make the prayer their own by means of the acclamation Amen” (GIRM, 77).



Offering Prayers, Receiving Graces: What are we praying about at this point in the Mass? Generally speaking, if we look through these prayers, we find the following familiar words: prayers, gifts, offerings, sacrifices, and oblations. We also ask God to sanctify, accept, and transform these gifts.

Source: Fr. Luke Spannagel’s blog at <https://www.stphils.com/church/Eucharistic-revival-walk-through-the-Mass/>





Saint Therese Carmelite School

Faith  Academics  Virtue

Spring Rummage Sale!

Saturday, April 25: 8 am - 5 pm
Sunday, April 26: 8 am - 3 pm



Come find treasures for low prices. The school will be hosting their Spring rummage sale in three weeks! Come one, come all, and snatch things up before they sell out!

Donation Drop-Off

Interested in donating items?

We accept the following items in good condition: Clothes, accessories, household decor, small household appliances (blenders, pressure cookers, slow cookers, etc.), books, toys, furniture

We do NOT accept the following:

Large electronics, (printers, fax machines, computers, TVs, etc.), car parts

We will be accepting donations on Wednesday, April 22, through Friday, April 24, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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www.pregnancy-gps.org • (626) 872-2483 • admin@pregnancy-gps.org

You're Invited!

GPS Open House – Celebrating 16 Years

Come visit us and learn about the services we offer to support mothers and families through counseling, education, and resources. Meet our volunteers and tour our space.

- Saturday, April 25, 2026
- 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- 1168 San Gabriel Blvd., Ste. E Rosemead, CA 91770
- Light lunch & refreshments

RSVP (text): 626-238-5476
 Information: 626-872-2483

Respect. Love. Protect

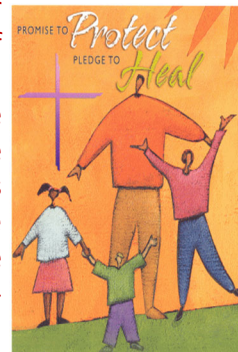
SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

DID YOU KNOW? April is Child

Abuse Prevention Month

Happy Easter! Along with the celebration of Easter, April is also Child Abuse Prevention Month. St. Augustine said that we are “Easter People whose song is Alleluia”—living in the fullness of the resurrection drawing all around them to a place of light, wholeness, and the richness of the graces made available to them by the power of the passion and redemption of Jesus.

In this spirit, there is no better time to celebrate the protection of children, our most precious gift from God. The Office of Safeguard the Children has created a Resource Booklet to help individuals, parishes and schools plan for Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is available online at lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month.



Financial Offerings



March 28 / 29, 2026

Unrestricted..... \$15,915.00
 Restricted \$ 5,100.00
T O T A L.....\$21,015.00

Feb. 28 / March 1 \$31,200.00
 March 7 / 8 \$11,739.00
 March 14 / 15 \$19,260.00
 March 21 / 22 \$15,966.00

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

Mass Intentions

April 4—April 11, 2026

Easter Vigil (Saturday Evening):

8:00 p.m.: Abigail Cano, Birthday INT

Easter Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m.: Bess Tuan & Family, INT

9:00 a.m.: Abigail Cano, Birthday INT

**11:00 am: All Humanity and Thanksgiving
for God’s Creation, INT**

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Easter Novena #1

***7:30 a.m.: Sr. Mary Liwa Flores, RGS, RIP**

8:00 a.m.: Minerva Soriano, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Linda Manzano, RIP

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

6:00 a.m.: Indah Lay, INT

***7:30 am: Pat & Ernie O’Conner & Family INT**

8:00 a.m.: Easter Novena #2

7:15 p.m.: Amelia Bonzon, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Easter Novena #3

***7:30 a.m.: Albert Estrada, Birthday INT**

8:00 a.m.: Robert Arellano, Birthday INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: The Mao Family, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Easter Novena #4

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Easter Novena #5

***7:30 a.m.: Antonius Maringka, RIP**

8:00 a.m.: Albert Lay, INT

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 am: Easter Novena #6

***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

For the complete itineraries and applications for each of the following pilgrimages, go to the home page of our website and scroll down to the **OUTSIDE THE PARISH** section.

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! **REDUCED PRICE:** \$4,599 each (from LAX). Contact: Albert or 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. Pilgrimage is with Sacred Heart Tours, (845) 594-2222, www.sacredhearttours.com. For more info, contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186.

ALABAMA, HERE WE COME! Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament and EWTN from July 29 to August 4, 2026. Come see what the Lord did through Mother Angelica and is still doing through the friars at EWTN and the cloistered nuns at the Shrine. A full six days of serenity, prayer, spiritual talks, tours, fellowship, and family fun. Space is limited. Approximately \$1,500 per person. For more info, call Albert and Mary Helen Estrada at (626) 533-4839.

