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St. Therese Catholic Church



November 16, 2025 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org



The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

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

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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,

As we wind down this centenary year of St. Therese's canonization, I want to share another reading of St. Therese sent from our General House in Rome. In this month of praying for the Holy Souls, it is especially appropriate that we read this excerpt from *The Power of Prayer* from St. Therese!

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD

The Power of Prayer (Ms. C, 24v-26r) (Part 1) Introduction to the Text:



“The one and only novice” (Ms. C, 24v): This refers to Sister Marie of the Trinity. In fact, there were a total of four young novices (Sister Martha of Jesus, who should have moved on from the novitiate in 1894 but who had stayed there through her affection for Therese; Sister Marie-Madeleine of the Holy Sacrament; Sister Genevieve of Saint Teresa (her biological sister, Celine); and Sister Marie of the Trinity).

It should be understood that “on March 21, 1896, Mother Marie de Gonzague was reelected Prioress, and decided to combine that office with that of Novice Mistress. Reverend Mother Agnes of Jesus advised her to take as much help as possible from Sister Therese of the Child Jesus—she who had so perfectly fulfilled the mission entrusted to her for the past three years. Mother Marie de Gonzague adopted this position with ease and, in practice, left the entire direction of the novitiate to Sister Therese of the Child Jesus, who was thus the Novice Mistress, without having the official title, until her death on September 30, 1897.

“So, it was not until having thus replaced Mother Marie de Gonzague at the novitiate (in March of 1896) that she brought the novices together every day after Vespers, from two-thirty to three o'clock (according to the custom of that time). She did not give a conference as such; her teaching was in no way systematic. She would read or have them read passages from the Rule, the Constitutions, or the Guide, give explanations or clarifications that she thought important, or answer their questions. Then she would correct any of their failings, if any, and talk familiarly with them about whatever interested them at that moment, whether concerning spirituality or ongoing work” (*Advice and Memories of a Novice*, collected by Sister Genevieve of the Holy Face).

“An aspiration of the heart, a simple glance directed to Heaven, it is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as joy” (Ms. C, 25r): Therese is wary of beautiful prayers that are recited as beautiful phrases, without meditation or understanding. One is almost liable to forget that this serene Novice Mistress is also a young woman who is sick and prey to the most painful suffering.

FREE "MEDICARE INFO" MEETING



Deacon Rex Owens has again arranged for this free informational meeting to be held here at St. Therese TODAY, Sunday, November 16, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. We had it here before, and it was very well attended and given good reviews. Jim Aust, a volunteer and parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, will present this session about **Medicare in 2026**, your choices, and what resources are available. The presentation will be held in the **Parish Meeting Room (upstairs, Parish Center)**.

If you are on Medicare, or soon to be, it's good to think about your secondary health and/or prescription drug insurance plans. Plans change every year, so it's important to review them to 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.

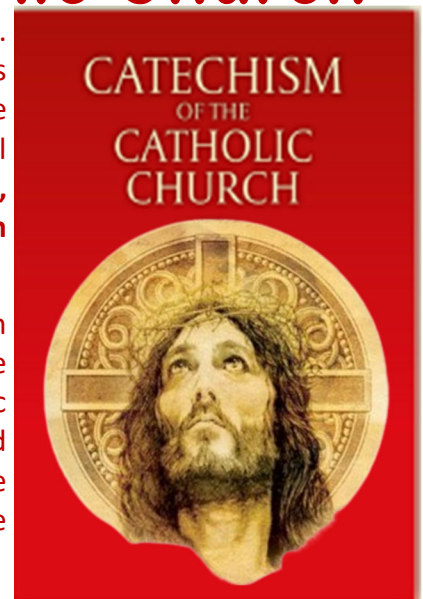
Please register at <https://forms.gle/2Ufp4vRuMKMrEhts6>
or email Deacon Rex at deaconrex@outlook.com.



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

These classes are normally held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. However, Fr. Stephen was on retreat last week; so his second Tuesday, class was moved to this **Tuesday, November 18**. The other November class will be held on its normal day on the fourth **Tuesday, November 25**. Fr. Stephen will continue to speak about Jesus. **Each class in this series can stand on its own, so you may join at any time.** Classes are held in the Parish Meeting Room (upstairs) in the Parish Center from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Pope St. John Paul II promulgated the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in 1992 as a sure and authentic reference text for teaching the faith. He described it as a gift and a new standard for catechesis, summarizing Catholic beliefs, morals, and teachings in an organized manner for the faithful and those responsible for religious education. The catechism is considered the most important text for Catholics after the Bible and serves as a guide to the essential teachings of the faith.



Thanksgiving Food Drive Next Sunday

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive—benefiting those in our community who are in need—will take place in the Hall **after ALL MASSES NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23**. Distribution will follow on Monday evening, November 24.

We are asking for donations of **TURKEYS and non-perishable food items, especially suited for Thanksgiving dinner, such as:**

- Canned green beans, cranberries, sweet potatoes, corn, carrots, baked beans, pumpkin purée, etc.
- Boxes of stuffing, mashed potatoes, scalloped potatoes, etc.
- Jars of turkey gravy, etc.
- Bags of pasta, rice, and bread crumbs for stuffing



Please bring your donations to the Parish Hall next Sunday only.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need helping hands to package and/or distribute the groceries. If you're available to assist with this project, please email Deacon Gil at deacongilv@gmail.com.

FAMILY PAINT Night

Spend a joyful evening with loved ones while creating memories through art and fellowship. Enjoy step-by-step painting instruction from Alicia Salazar Marcela Alcala.

Advent is almost here, so we will be painting a picture of the NATIVITY OF JESUS! Appetizers and wine will be served to make the evening even more special.

Date: Saturday, November 22
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: St. Therese School Art Studio (2nd Floor, Parish Center)
Donation: \$25 per adult or child 8+
RSVP: Text Marcela Figueroa de Alcala at (626) 940-4899 with your name and the number of tickets you would like.

FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN AGE 8 AND OVER

FREE CHILD CARE FOR CHILDREN 7 AND UNDER

Financial Offerings

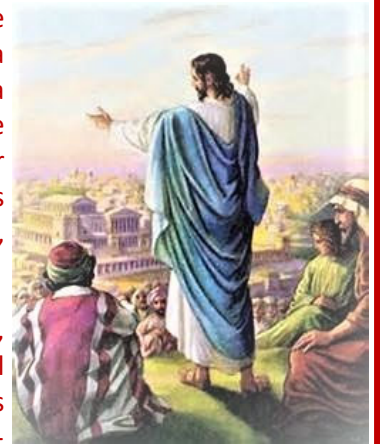
This bulletin had to be submitted for printing before the weekend of November 8 and 9. The totals for that weekend will be published in the bulletin of November 23, 2025.

October 11 / 12	\$38,057.00
October 18 / 19	\$18,445.00
October 24 / 25	\$24,957.00
November 1 / 2	\$26,607.00

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

"From Temple Walls to Living Witnesses"

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus responds to His disciples' admiration of the grandeur of the Temple by foretelling its destruction. This moment is not just a prediction of an historical event—the fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD—but is mainly a profound spiritual teaching. Jesus shifts the focus from the external beauty of the Temple to the enduring reality of God's presence in Him. The Temple, once the center of worship, is now being fulfilled in the person of Christ. The Church teaches that Jesus is the new and eternal Temple, the place where Heaven and earth meet. His body, broken and risen, becomes the new center of worship and communion with God.



This passage also speaks to the trials that His disciples will face: persecution, betrayal, and hardship. Yet, Jesus assures them that “not a hair” on their heads will perish and that by their perseverance, they will secure their lives. The Church sees this as a call to faithful endurance. In times of upheaval—whether personal or global—Christians are invited to trust in God's providence and remain steadfast in witness. The destruction of the Temple becomes a symbol of the passing nature of worldly things, while the enduring presence of Christ offers hope and salvation. In Him, we find the true sanctuary that no earthly power can destroy.

SAVE
THE
DATE

ROCK'N'ROLL

Dance Party

Back by Popular Demand

**Saturday,
January 17, 2026
6:00 -11:00 p.m.**

*Shake Rattle
& Roll*

**Dinner will be from
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**



**Tickets (\$75)
available in the
Parish and School
Offices OR after
select Masses OR
call (626) 533-4839**

**Family
Friendly!**



**All Proceeds Benefit
St. Therese School**

Dinner and Dance

PLACE: St. Therese Parish Hall
COST: \$75 per person (a great Christmas gift!)

*Delicious buffet style dinner included:
 First course will be Caesar salad. Second
 course will be roast beef with brown gravy,
 mashed potatoes and sautéed vegetables.
 Sautéed chicken breast made with Marsala
 wine, mushrooms and sun dried tomatoes.
 Sautéed Atlantic salmon with lemon butter
 sauce with mashed potatoes and sautéed
 vegetables, penne pasta with vegetables and
 Alfredo sauce. Includes dessert: banana and
 coconut bread pudding with caramel sauce.*

“Let's Go to the Hop!”







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

The Thursday and Friday Fasts



Oct 18, 1962: While He was speaking to me, I got out my little lunch. On Thursday and Friday, at the Lord's request, I eat only bread and water, and I offer it for the twelve priests and to make reparation to the Lord. Meanwhile, the Lord sat—in a spiritual way—next to me and said:

Jesus: "Oh, how this pleases Me. So few times have I enjoyed participating in such an intimate banquet. The souls that make reparation and faithfully follow My desires are so few."

Sept 29, 1962: Mary: "My little one, Thursdays and Fridays should be considered as great days of grace. Those who offer reparation to my Divine Son on these days will receive a great grace. During the hours of reparation, the power of Satan will weaken to the degree that those making reparation pray for sinners. Nothing flashy is required."

Reference: *Building on Solid Rock Flame of Love Retreats*, Session 4, at <https://flameoflove.us/building-on-solid-rock/> (with Quotes from *The Spiritual Diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann*)

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 7:00 p.m. For more info, please contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.

Mass Intentions

November 15—November 22, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Noralyn Cailan, INT

Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Alicia Garcia, INT

11:00 a.m.: Thompson Family, INT

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

5:00 pm: Clay, Sheila, and Lacey Fletcher, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Ramon Sy Su, INT

*7:30 a.m.: All Humanity and Thanksgiving
for God's Creation, INT

8:00 a.m.: Ramon Sy Su, INT

7:15 p.m.: Helen Hummel, RIP

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

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

*7:30 a.m.: Lorelei Sunga, INT

8:00 a.m.: Pacita Piol, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Maria & Zoilo Mauriz, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Karen Silvas & Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mark Perez, RIP

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

Thursday:

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

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

8:00 am: Alun, Sarah, and Kaylea Titford, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Patrick Hummel, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Joann & Frank Brodzik, RIP

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Jose Aclaro, RIP

***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

**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,
for \$5,450 per person.**

For more information, see
the itinerary on the home

page of our website or contact the Tour Leader,
Beth Maddatu, by emailing her at
maddatubeth2@gmail.com or calling 408-903-
6305.

