



St Therese Catholic Church



August 9, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org



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
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); 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

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to St. Therese Church.

Open your banking app; then
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email donateSTC@gmail.com.

If asked, the recipient is THE
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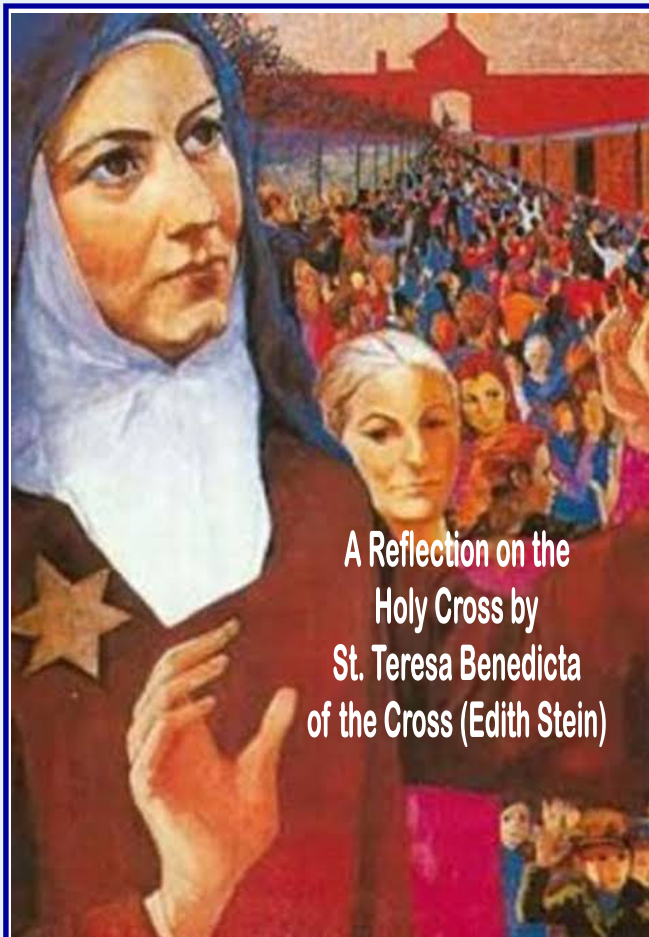


PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

We celebrate two great modern Carmelite saints this month which I would like to highlight: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) and St. Mary of Jesus Crucified. St. Teresa Benedicta died in Auschwitz on Aug. 9, 1942, and St. Mary died in Bethlehem on Aug. 26, 1878. Due to August 9th falling on a Sunday this year, **St. Teresa Benedicta** will *not* be celebrated liturgically. All the more reason I would like to share **one of her profound reflections on the Holy Cross**. I will share more about St. Mary later in the month.

—Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D.



“We greet you, Holy Cross, our only hope!”

The Church puts these words on our lips during the time of the Passion, which is dedicated to the contemplation of the bitter sufferings of our Lord Jesus Christ. The world is in flames. The struggle between Christ and anti-Christ rages openly; and if you decide for Christ, you can even be asked to sacrifice your life. Contemplate the Lord Who hangs before you on the wood, because He was obedient even to death on the cross. He came into the world not to do His own will but that of the Father. And if you wish to be the spouse of the Crucified, you must renounce completely your own will and have no other aspiration than to do the will of God.

Before you, the Redeemer hangs on the cross stripped and naked, because He chose poverty. Those who would follow Him must renounce every earthly possession. Stand before the Lord Who hangs from the cross with His heart torn open. He poured out the blood of His heart in order to win your heart. In order to follow Him in holy chastity, your heart must be free from every earthly aspiration. Jesus Crucified must be the object of your every longing, of your every desire, of your every thought.

The world is in flames: the fire can spread even to our house, but above all the flames the cross stands on high, and it cannot be burnt. The cross is the way which leads from earth to Heaven. Those who embrace it with faith, love, and hope are taken up, right into the heart of the Trinity. The world is in flames: do you wish to put them out? Contemplate the cross: from His open heart, the blood of the Redeemer pours—blood which can put out even the flames of Hell. Through the faithful observance of the vows you make, your heart is free and open; and then the floods of that Divine Love will be able to flow into it, making it overflow and bear fruit to the furthest reaches of the earth.

Through the power of the cross you can be present wherever there is pain, carried there by your compassionate charity, by that very charity which you draw from the Divine Heart. That charity enables you to spread everywhere the most Precious Blood in order to ease pain, save, and redeem. The eyes of the Crucified gaze upon you. They question you and appeal to you. Do you wish seriously to renew your alliance with Him? What will your response be? **“Lord, where shall I go? You alone have the words of life.”**

“Ave Crux, spes unica!”



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

— SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 —



**8:00 A.M.
MASS**

*Celebrated for the Solemnity
of the Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

*"In Mary taken up to heaven,
the Church contemplates the
image of its future glory."*



**5:00 P.M.
MASS**

*Celebrated for the
Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
celebrated by Fr. Stephen*

THE OBLIGATION IS LIFTED

Per the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB),
because this feast falls on a Saturday, the obligation to attend
Mass is abrogated.

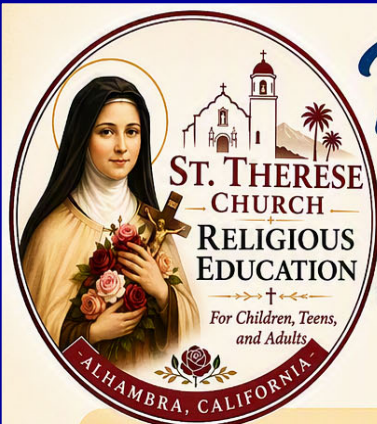
So, although the liturgy at the 5:00 p.m. Mass
(celebrated by Fr. Stephen) will be that of the
Assumption, it will still **satisfy your obligation**
to attend Sunday Mass.

Canon Law 1248 §1 states:

*"A person who assists at a Mass celebrated
anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the
feast day itself or in the evening of the
preceding day satisfies the obligation of
participating in the Mass."*



— Mary, assumed into heaven, pray for us! —



Registration is **OPEN** for **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Classes

— YOU MAY EITHER —



**REGISTER
ONLINE**

OR

DOWNLOAD THE FORM

from our website and
turn it into the offices at
510 North El Molino Street.



Go to <https://www.sttheresechurchalhabra.org/religiouseducationinfo>

— Classes begin as follows: —



GRADES 1–8, including
First Communion Classes
(10:15 to 11:45 a.m.):

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13



**HIGH SCHOOL
CONFIRMATION,**

Years One and Two
(6:30 – 8:00 p.m.):

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9



**ADULT CONFIRMATION
and OCIA**

(for those never baptized)

Choice of Thursdays from
7:00 to 9:00 p.m. or
Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.):

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10;
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**



The **LAST DAY** to REGISTER is **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27!**



MORNING RETREAT

FOR THE

HOLY YEAR OF ST JOHN OF THE CROSS

♦ SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026 ♦



8:00 a.m.
Mass celebrated by
Fr. Peter Mary



9:00 a.m.
Rosary led by
Fr. Peter Mary



9:30 a.m.
Talk by Fr. Peter Mary
"St. John of the Cross and
His Devotion to the Blessed Mother"



10:30 a.m.
Private prayer



11:00–12:00 p.m.
Talk by Fr. Robert Elias
on John of the Cross...



12:00 p.m.
Benediction



In the evening of life, we shall be judged on love.

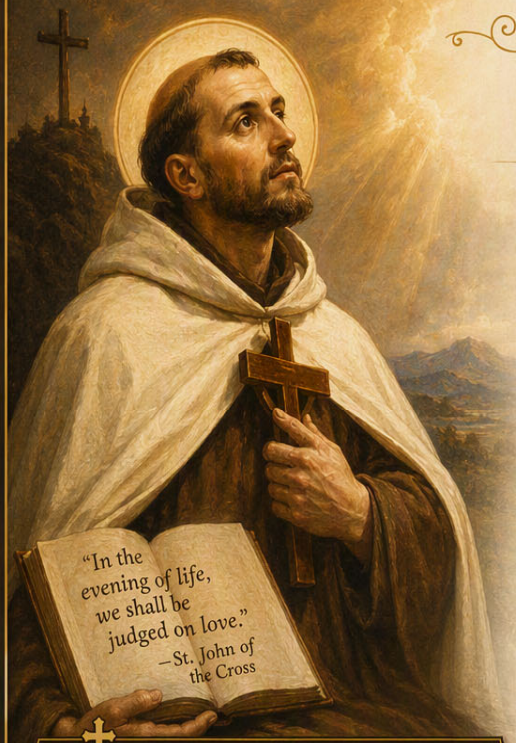
ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

GOOD NEWS!

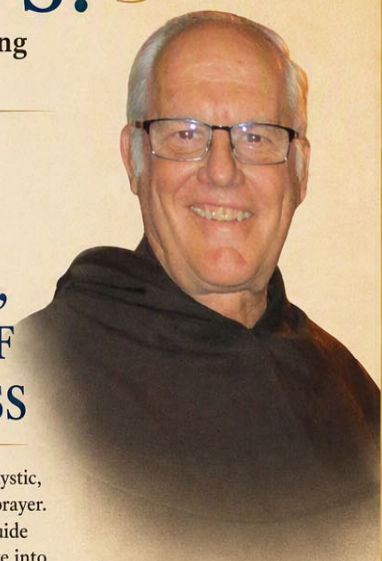
Fr. Stephen Watson will again be teaching
a series of classes beginning this fall.

As we are celebrating a Jubilee Year for the
Carmelite saint, **St. John of the Cross**,
Fr. Stephen's theme will be:

THE LIFE, THE TIMES, AND THE TEACHINGS OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS



"In the
evening of life,
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judged on love."
—St. John of
the Cross



St. John of the Cross, a 16th-century Carmelite priest and mystic,
was a profound teacher of the spiritual life and a master of prayer.
His writings, born from deep love of Christ, continue to guide
souls on the journey to union with God. Join us as we delve into
his life, the times in which he lived, and the timeless wisdom
of his teachings.



The first class will be held on
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15,
from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.,

in the Parish Meeting Room (same venue as last year),
with successive classes being held on selected Tuesdays.



A JUBILEE YEAR
FOR OUR CARMELITE SAINT
ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

A vibrant movie night poster for 'The Wizard of Oz'. The background is a colorful sky with a rainbow and a film reel. In the center, a group of people dressed as characters from the movie stand on the yellow brick road. From left to right: Dorothy (a woman in a blue dress holding a basket), the Cowardly Lion (a man in a lion costume), the Scarecrow (a man in a straw suit holding a lollipop), the Tin Man (a man in a metal suit holding an axe), the Wicked Witch of the West (a man in a black hat and cape), the Wizard (a man in a green robe with a 'Z' on his chest holding a crystal ball), and the Munchkins (a woman in a green and white outfit holding a lollipop). In the foreground, the Tin Man is crouching, and the Cowardly Lion is lying down. The background also features a circular inset of a woman in a crown, a pair of red high-heeled shoes, and a film reel. The text 'St. Therese MOVIE NIGHT!' is at the top, followed by 'SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 in the Parking Lot!'. A wooden sign on the left says 'Social Hour & Hot Dogs at 7:00 p.m.' and a banner below it says 'MOVIE STARTS AT SUNSET!'. The title 'THE WIZARD OF OZ' is in large, colorful letters. At the bottom, it says 'Follow the Yellow Brick Road to... THE WIZARD OF OZ Fun for the Whole Family! • Bring Lawn Chairs & Blankets! • Popcorn Provided! •'. The bottom corners show popcorn in a red and white striped bucket.

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Saint Therese Carmelite School

Faith • Academics • Virtue

Growing with Saint Therese!










Plant the Seed
Schedule a Tour

Nurture the Roots
Apply

Apply

Sprout Connections
Meet & Assess

Bloom with Joy
Decision Letter

Flourish at STCS!

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Tour → Apply → Interview → Letter → Register → Grow!



Start your journey.

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



“The grace from the Flame of Love of My Mother’s Immaculate Heart will be to your generation what Noah’s Ark was to his generation.” —Jesus to Elizabeth Kindelmann, (Third Order Carmelite)

Night Vigils: The Night Vigils are perhaps the most physically challenging but one of the most important elements of the Flame of Love devotion.

• **Sept 7-8, 1962: Mary:** “From today on, when you, together with the person designated to you as companion, are in vigil, I will grant the following

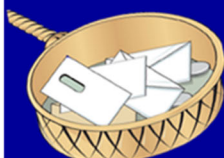
grace: As long as your night vigil will last, my Flame of Love will act upon those who are dying throughout the whole world. I will blind Satan so that my Flame, gentle and full of grace, will save them from eternal damnation.”

• **Sept 12, 1963: Mary:** “You see, my little one, once the Flame of Love of my heart lights up on the earth, its effect of grace will also spread out to the dying. Satan will be blinded and, through your prayer at the night vigil, the terrible struggle of the dying against Satan will end. Coming under the gentle light of my Flame of Love, even the most hardened sinner will convert.”

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.**

Financial Offerings



August 1 / 2, 2026

Unrestricted..... \$17,402.00
 Restricted \$ 1,385.00
TOTAL..... \$18,787.00

July 4 / 5 \$20,843.00
 July 11 / 12 \$15,380.00
 July 18 / 19 \$22,986.00
 July 25 / 26 \$17,737.00

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

Mass Intentions

August 8—August 15, 2026

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:

5:00 p.m.: Angelo & Elsie Corso, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Francis Vinh Nguyen, INT

7:30 a.m.: Jose Allende, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Ian and Felicia Roppel, INT

11:00 a.m.: In Honor of the Holy Family

1:00 p.m.: Mark Holman, INT

5:00 p.m.: Deceased Religious, Relatives, & Benefactors of the Carmel of St Teresa RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Geigy Uy, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Freddy Grimm, 19th B-Day INT

7:15 p.m.: Fr. Gregory Goethals, SJ, RIP

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

6:00 a.m.: Hong An Nguyen, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: The Mao Family, INT

7:15 p.m.: Angie Hernandez, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Hau Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Julia Figueroa, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Mr. Reneé Lopez, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Maria Teresa Thanh Tam, INT

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

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Dr. Patrick McAllister, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Charlie Tittmann, 19th B-Day INT

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Elizabeth Arellano, B-Day INT

*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

The complete itinerary for the following pilgrimage is on the website (OUTSIDE THE PARISH section).

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE with Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, from November 22—December 3, 2026. Walk in the footsteps of Jesus in 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 much more! \$4,599 each (from LAX). Contact: Albert or Mary Helen Estrada at (626) 533-4839.



The Encounter Summer Intensive will equip you to live the Gospel with confidence and power. Through teaching, prayer, and practical training rooted in our Faith, learn how to recognize God's voice, pray with others, and step more fully into the mission of the Church. It's on August 22 & 29 at St Philip's in Pasadena. Scan the QR code or see the STC website or our e-blast for registration info.

ENCOUNTER
LOS ANGELES CAMPUS

Summer Intensive / Intensivo de Verano

"Come and See" Quarters 1-4 in just 2 days!

¡Ven y verás los trimestres 1-4 en solo 2 días!



*We will have an English and a Spanish track

**Habrà un programa en español y otro en inglés*

Saturday (Sábado)
August 22: 9 am - 6 pm

Saturday (Sábado)
August 29: 9 am - 6 pm

Registration
Required:
*Requiere
Registro:*



Personal Ad

SEEKING A ROOM TO RENT: Lady (with her pet cat) seeks to rent a room in your home; needs kitchen privileges. If you can help, call Valerie at (310) 291-8342.