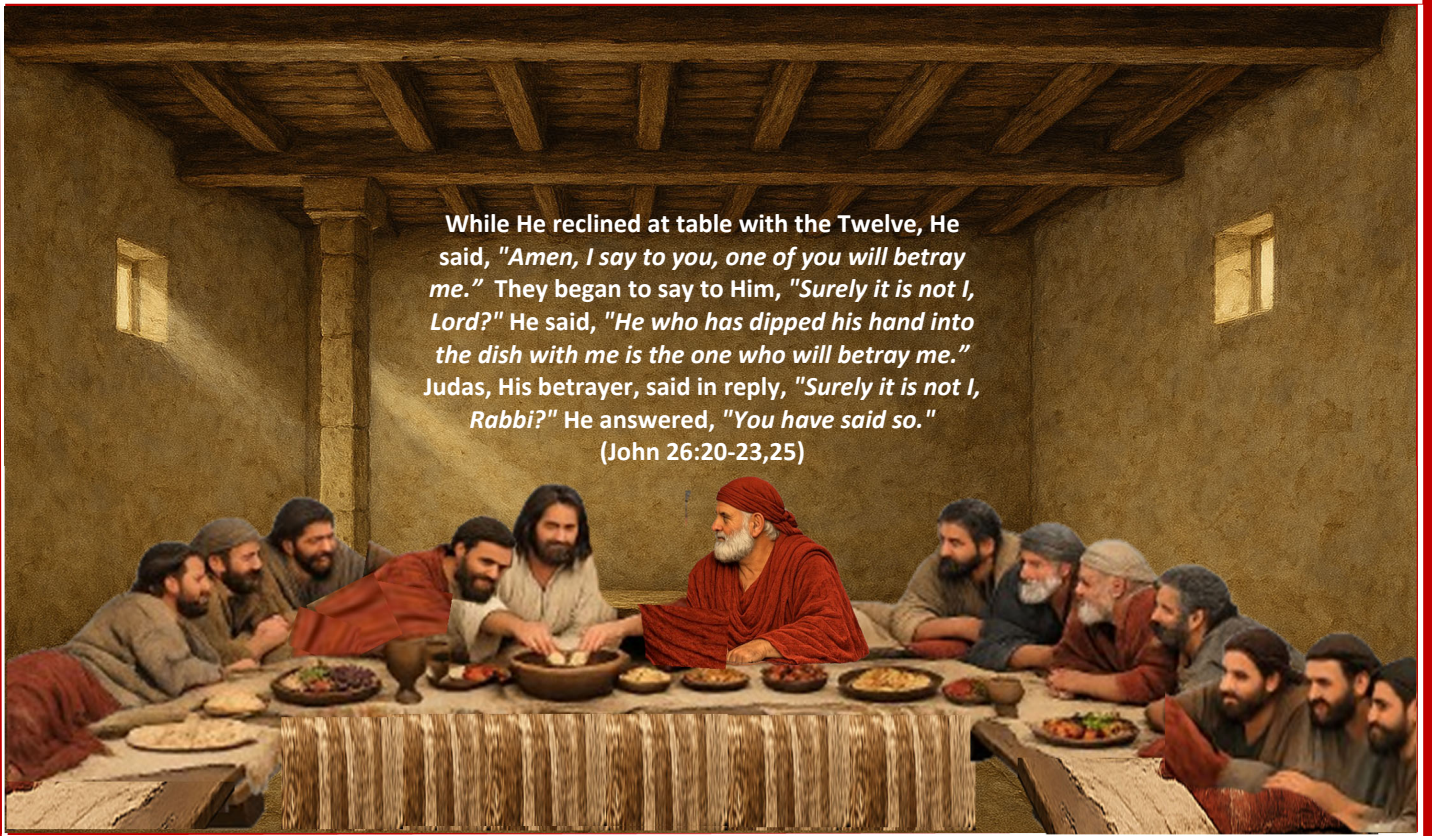




St. Therese Catholic Church



March 29, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org



While He reclined at table with the Twelve, He said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." They began to say to Him, "Surely it is not I, Lord?" He said, "He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me." Judas, His betrayer, said in reply, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" He answered, "You have said so."
(John 26:20-23,25)

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

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- Baptisms: Register online
- Weddings: Register online at least six months in advance
- Anointing of the Sick:  Call the office

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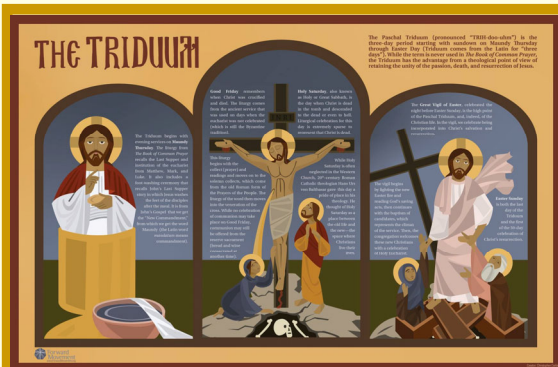
PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

I wish you all a very blessed Holy Week! We are entering into the most sacred time of the year, a week unlike any other week in the year. I want to encourage all of you to participate in the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum, which are some of the most powerful liturgies of the Church year! Also, please keep our elect (catechumens) in prayer as they prepare to be fully received into the Church.

To enter into the spirit of this Holy Week, **below is an excerpt from a General Audience held by Pope Benedict XVI on Wednesday, April 4, 2007.**

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D.



As the Lenten journey which began with Ash Wednesday nears its end, today's liturgy for Wednesday of Holy Week already introduces us into the dramatic atmosphere of the coming days, steeped in the memory of the Passion and Death of Christ. In fact, in today's liturgy, the Evangelist Matthew presents for our meditation the brief dialogue between Jesus and Judas that took place in the Upper Room. "Is it I, Master?," the traitor asked the divine Teacher, who had foretold: "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." The Lord's answer was incisive: "You have said so" (Matthew 26:14-25).

For his part, John concludes the narrative announcing Judas' betrayal with a few portentous words: "It was night" (John 13:30). When the traitor left the Upper Room, thick darkness gathered in his heart—it was an inner night—and bewilderment increased in the hearts of the other disciples. They too were moving towards night, while the steadily darkening twilight of abandonment and hatred hung over the Son of Man who was preparing to consummate His sacrifice on the Cross.

What we shall be commemorating in the coming days is the supreme battle between Light and Darkness, between Life and Death. **We must also put ourselves in this context, aware of our own "night," of our sins and our responsibility, if we want to benefit spiritually from the Paschal Mystery, if we want our hearts to be enlightened through this Mystery which constitutes the central fulcrum of our Faith.** Entering the Easter Triduum, the Christian community relives what happened on that first Holy Thursday in the Mass of the Lord's Supper. In the Upper Room, the Redeemer wanted to anticipate the sacrifice of His life in the Sacrament of the bread and wine changed into His Body and Blood: He anticipated His death, He freely gave His life, He offered the definitive gift of Himself to humanity.

After the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the liturgy invites the faithful to pause in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, reliving Jesus' agony in Gethsemane. And we see that the disciples fell asleep, leaving their Lord on His own. Today too, we, His disciples, are often asleep. On this holy night of Gethsemane, let us be vigilant, not wanting to leave the Lord on His own at this time; thus, we can better understand the mystery of Holy Thursday, which embraces the supreme, threefold gift of the ministry of the Priesthood, the Eucharist, and the new Commandment of Love (Agape).

In commenting on Good Friday, St John Chrysostom observes: "First, the Cross stood for contempt, but today it is something venerable; before, it was the symbol of condemnation; today, it is the hope of salvation. It has truly become a source of infinite good; it has freed us from error, it has dispelled our shadows, it has reconciled us with God, it has transformed us from being enemies of God to being members of His family, from being strangers to being His neighbors. This Cross is the destruction of enmity, the source of peace, the casket of our treasure" (*De Cruce et Latrone* I, 1, 4).

Holy Saturday is the day when the liturgy is hushed, the day of great silence when Christians are invited to preserve interior recollection—often difficult to encourage in our day—in order to be better prepared for the Easter Vigil. Finally, during the Easter Vigil, the veil of sorrow, which shrouds the Church because of the death and burial of the Lord, will be torn by the victorious cry: "Christ is risen and has defeated death for ever!"

Dear brothers and sisters, the Paschal Mystery which the Holy Triduum enables us to relive is not only the memory of a past reality, but it is also a reality in our time. Christ also conquers sin and death today with His love. Evil in all its forms does not have the last word. The final triumph, the triumph of truth and love, is Christ's! **If we are willing to suffer and die with Him, St. Paul will remind us in the Easter Vigil that His life will become our life (Romans 6: 9). Our Christian life is supported by and built upon this certainty.**



Holy Week Schedule



Tenebrae Service



Holy Thursday



GOOD FRIDAY

March 29 - April 5, 2026

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 31 and April 1: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday, April 4: 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday: No confessions before the Latin Mass

MASSES & SERVICES

*Monday – *Wednesday, March 30-April 1: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m.
*NO evening Mass on these days.
Mass is at 7:30 a.m. at the Carmel.

Note: No morning Masses on Holy Thursday or Holy Saturday;
Mass is never celebrated on Good Friday

Spy Wednesday (April 1)

Tenebrae Service at 7:00 p.m. in the church
(As shown above, there will also be confession at this time)

Holy Thursday (April 2)

Mass of the Lord's Supper with Washing of the Feet: 7:15 p.m.
+Mass at the Cloistered Nuns' Chapel: 5:00 p.m.
+No foot washing service at the Carmel

Good Friday (April 3)

12:00 p.m.: Way of the Cross
1:00 p.m.: Reflections on the Seven Last Words
3:00 p.m.: Sacred Liturgy
7:15 p.m.: Sacred Liturgy Repeated

Note: There is also a 3:00 p.m. Sacred Liturgy at the Cloistered Nuns' Chapel.

Holy Saturday (April 4)

Solemn Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 p.m.
NOTE: The Mass begins with the lighting of the Easter fire in front of the church.

Easter Sunday (April 5)

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.,
And a Traditional Latin Mass at 1:00 p.m.
(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter)



Easter Vigil



Easter Sunday

UNLESS THERE IS A *GOOD FRIDAY* IN YOUR LIFE,
THERE CAN BE NO *EASTER SUNDAY.* -VENERABLE FULTON SHEEN

TENEBRAE

The Liturgy of the Shadows

Wednesday of Holy Week
April 1 at 7:15 p.m.

St. Therese Choir
Credo Catholic Choir

Music Director, Charlotte Lansberg

Music of Anerio, Victoria, Lassus, Croce, Ingegneri, Bruckner
and Gregorio Allegri (Miserere Mei)



JOIN US FOR
DIVINE MERCY NOVENA



APRIL 3 – APRIL 11, 2026

FROM GOOD FRIDAY
TO THE DAY BEFORE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

AFTER 8 AM MASS

INSIDE THE CHURCH

with the exceptions on the first three days

† 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 8:15 PM Easter Vigil)
- DAY 3: EASTER SUNDAY** 3 – 4 PM (after Latin Mass)
- DAY 4 – DAY 9:** 9 – 10 AM (after 8 am Mass)
(Monday to Saturday after EASTER)



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*)

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES



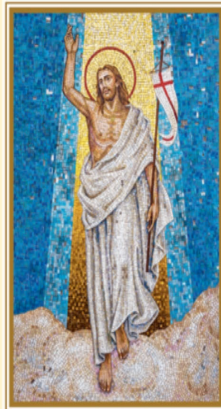
Please help us make the church beautiful for Easter by making a donation using the Flower Offering envelopes (on the tables by the church entries AND in the pews).

There is a space on the envelope to enter the name of a loved one. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on a future date for all those enrolled on these envelopes.

God bless you!



EASTER NOVENA ENROLLMENT/ CARDS



You can find these Easter Novena cards on the tables by the church entries. Each set includes a Novena offering envelope for your donation (which will go to our Carmelite Friars) and a card to send or give to your loved one. If you're enrolling a person who is deceased, you can leave the card on the table.

The Novena Masses will be offered daily from April 6 through April 14, 2026.

Please take only what you will actually use and make an offering for. If you end up taking any cards that you do not end up using, please return it to this table as we can use it again next year (each card costs us over \$1.30).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WHEELCHAIR MISSION

April 11 & 12, 2026



After all the Masses on the weekend shown above, members of the Knights of Columbus will be outside St. Therese Church to accept donations to help provide wheelchairs for those who cannot afford them.

Please stop and make a donation!

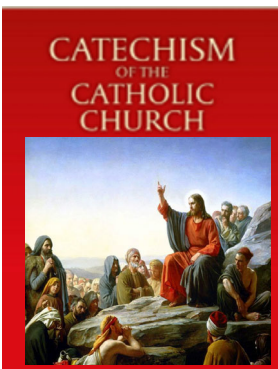
Fr. Stephen's Next Class in His Catechism Series

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!



Though He was in the form of God, He did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:6-11).



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS
TO THE
IMMACULATE
HEART OF MARY

Because the next First Saturday falls on Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026, **WE WILL NOT** gather together inside the church for our monthly First Saturdays devotion.

How to practice the First Saturdays on Holy Saturday: The First Saturday in April is April 4th, which happens to be Holy Saturday. Due to this special circumstance, we will not hold public devotion here inside the church. However, we encourage you to continue the devotion with the Rosary and fifteen minutes of meditation on your own. Our Lord told Sister Lucia that, in special circumstance like this, you can go to confession eight days before or after the First Saturday. As for Communion, you can fulfill the requirement by receiving it on the following day, Easter Sunday, as long you are in the state of grace.

There are four essential practices of the First Saturdays devotion. **Each is to be done in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary:**

1. Confession (may be eight days before or after, if you are in a state of grace).
2. Receive Holy Communion (Communion of Reparation). It is acceptable to receive the Communion of Reparation either at Saturday night's Easter Vigil Mass or on Easter Sunday.
3. Pray five decades of the Rosary (we are now on the Luminous Mysteries).
4. Keep Our Lady company for fifteen minutes while meditating on one or more of the mysteries of the Rosary (to continue from the previous month, **please meditate on the third Luminous Mystery—the Proclamation of the Kingdom of God.**)

ENDOW Women's Study Group



ENDOW, a new women's study group, is coming to St. Therese! This will be an ongoing group that meets every **Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**, in the Avila Room of the Parish office building (510 North El Molino). We will be studying the lives of notable female saints, as well as the encyclicals of the Popes.

Our first eight weeks of study will begin April 8 and will be on **St. Edith Stein (using the Endow book, Seeker of Truth)**. Raised in a devout Jewish family, Edith drifted from her faith and became an atheist, but her search for truth led to her conversion to Catholicism. She became a Carmelite nun and ultimately gave her life in martyrdom at Auschwitz.

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.



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 Fulps
at (626) 285-4649

Make checks payable to:
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Nuns' Auxiliary

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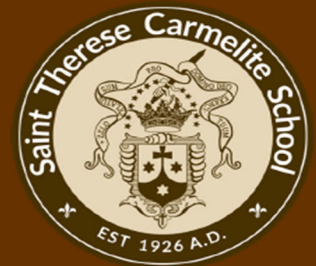
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March 14 / 15 \$19,260.00

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

Mass Intentions

March 28—April 4, 2026

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Kevin Lazatin, Birthday INT

Palm Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Stephanie Miller, INT

7:30 a.m.: Benjamin Woo, RIP

Otto Lacayo & Nathan Coyle, B-day INT

9:00 a.m.: Vina Vargas & Carlos Zaragoza, and Robertina Mendoza, B-day INTs

11:00 am: Dorothy Angelina Presthome, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Parishioners

5:00 p.m.: Marie Obillos, Th'gvg INT

Monday of Holy Week:

6:00 a.m.: Vincent & Alicia Maldonado, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Susan Morgan, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Maria J. De Avila, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Norma Abiog, OCDS, RIP

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

6:00 a.m.: Mary Thottathil, RIP

*7:30 am: Isaias Diokno, RIP

8 am: Hipolito & Raymunda Corral Family, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Isabella & Sofia Lopez, INT

Spy Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Holly Guest, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Susan Morgan, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Viviana Estrada, INT

Holy Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: NO MASS

*7:30 a.m.: NO MASS

*5:00 p.m.: Rory Putman, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Teresita de Jesus, INT

(Adoration will follow the Mass until Midnight.)

Good Friday:

NO MASSES

Holy Saturday Morning

*7:30 a.m.: NO MASS

8:00 am: NO MASS

*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel (215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra)

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

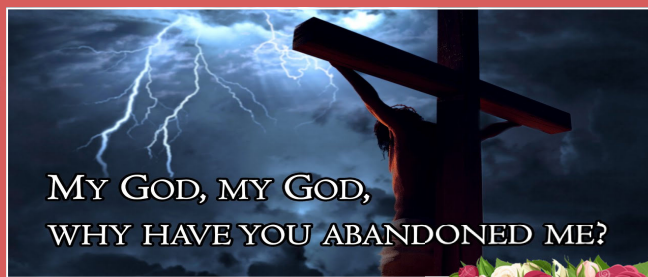
For the complete itineraries and applications for each of the following pilgrimages, go to the home page of our website and scroll down to the **OUTSIDE THE PARISH** section.

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.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
 + **Wilhelmina "Willie" Crispo**
 (Former long-time parishioner)
 Her Memorial Mass will be on
Monday, April 6, at 10:00 a.m.

