



St Therese Catholic Church



August 30, 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

Deacons: Deacon Gilbert Vargas | Deacon Otto Lacayo |

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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; then 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...

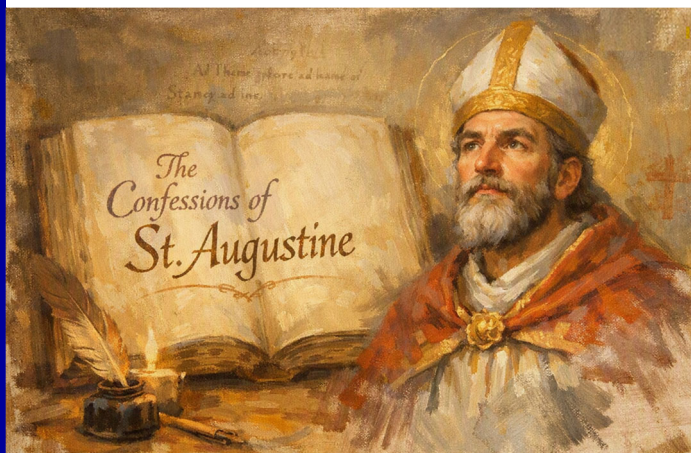
I hope you're surviving the heat! I especially address our senior population in the Parish: Please stay hydrated!

This past Friday, August 28, we celebrated someone who can really turn up the heat in his love for God: St. Augustine! He has a classic conversion story and is someone who is still very relevant to our young people, who today are searching for and hungry for the truth. In many ways, his story could be just like some of the young adults who recently came into the Church last Easter.

Below is one of St. Augustine's iconic meditations from his classic work, *The Confessions of St. Augustine*.

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

O Eternal Truth, True Love, and Beloved Eternity...



Urged to reflect upon myself, I entered under your guidance the innermost places of my being; but only because you had become my helper was I able to do so. I entered, then, and with the vision of my spirit, such as it was, I saw the incommutable light far above my spiritual ken and transcending my mind: not this common light which every carnal eye can see, nor any light of the same order; but greater, as though this common light were shining much more powerfully, far more brightly, and so extensively as to fill the universe. The light I saw was not the

common light at all, but something different, utterly different, from all those things. Nor was it higher than my mind in the sense that oil floats on water or the sky is above the earth; it was exalted because this very light made me, and I was below it because by it I was made. Anyone who knows truth knows this light.

O eternal Truth, true Love, and beloved Eternity, you are my God, and for you I sigh day and night. As I first began to know you, you lifted me up and showed me that, while that which I might see exists indeed, I was not yet capable of seeing it. Your rays beamed intensely on me, beating back my feeble gaze, and I trembled with love and dread. I knew myself to be far away from you in a region of unlikeness, and I seemed to hear your voice from on high: "I am the food of the mature: grow, then, and you shall eat me. You will not change me into yourself like bodily food; but you will be changed into me."

Accordingly, I looked for a way to gain the strength I needed to enjoy you, but I did not find it until I embraced the mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who is also God, supreme over all things and blessed for ever. He called out, proclaiming, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life." I had not known Him as the Food which, though I was not yet strong enough to eat it, He had mingled with our flesh, for the Word became flesh so that your Wisdom, through whom you created all things, might become for us the milk adapted to our infancy.

Late have I loved you, Beauty so ancient and so new; late have I loved you! Lo, you were within, but I outside, seeking there for you, and upon the shapely things you have made I rushed headlong—I, misshapen. You were with me, but I was not with you. They held me back far from you, those things which would have no being, were they not in you. You called, shouted, broke through my deafness; you flared, blazed, banished my blindness; you lavished your fragrance, I gasped; and now I pant for you; I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst; you touched me, and I burned for your peace.

Parish Choir Resumes...

The St. Therese Parish Choir rehearsals are held every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the choir room in the church basement (beginning Thursday, September 10.).

- The Choir sings at the 11:00 Mass from mid-September until early June.
- Highlights of the year include the *Requiem Mass* on November 2nd, Vespers in Advent, Christmas Midnight Mass, a Tenebrae Service during Holy Week, the Easter Vigil, and Pentecost Vespers.



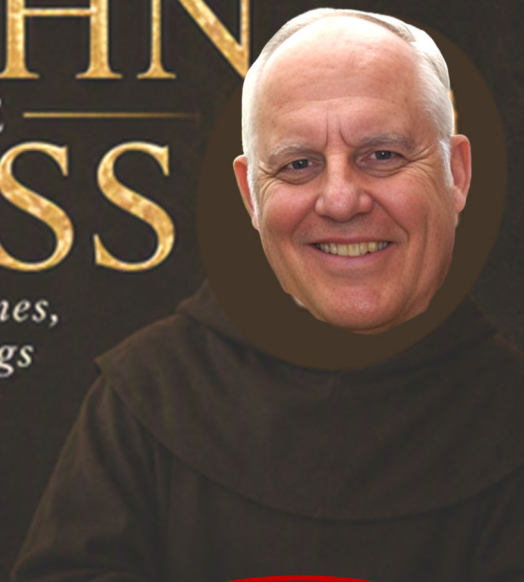
FR. STEPHEN F. WATSON, OCD PRESENTS

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

The Life, the Times, and the Teachings

"Where there is no love, put love, and you will draw out love."

— ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS



A SIX-WEEK
CLASS SERIES
(twice a month)



PARISH MEETING ROOM
• PARISH CENTER
7:30–9:00 P.M.



SEPTEMBER 15 & 29
OCTOBER 13 & 27
NOVEMBER 10 & 24



CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE YEAR OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
THROUGH DECEMBER OF 2026

CATHOLIC SPEED DATING EVENT

For Catholics
between the
ages of 21 and 69

Saturday, September 19 • Parish Hall
A faith-centered evening for Catholic singles

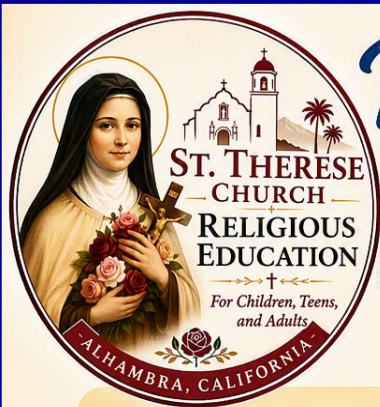
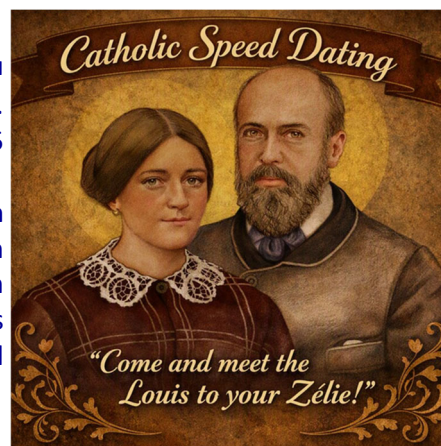
TWO sessions
for different
age ranges

This event is not just speed dating, *it's speed dating inspired by Ignatian spirituality*. Go beyond first impressions and learn how to intentionally discern each connection with God at the center. This is an opportunity to meet other Catholic singles while learning practical tools to recognize healthy connections and seek God's guidance in the dating process. Because finding a spouse isn't just about finding the right person, it's about becoming the person God is calling you to be and discerning His plan along the way. **There will be a short talk before each event that focuses on IGNATIAN DISCERNMENT and INTENTIONAL DATING.**

REGISTER! Go to the home page of our website and scroll down until you see the Speed Dating banner. Below it are two flyers for two different age groups. Click the appropriate flyer to go to the REGISTRATION SITE. There is a fee of \$35 per person. **FOR THE OLDER GROUP, MORE MEN ARE NEEDED!!**

The first flyer is for an event that will take place on the above date **between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.**, and is for Catholics between the ages of **21 and 49** (LADIES in their 20's & 30's and GENTS in their 20's, 30's, and 40's). The second flyer is for an event that will take place on the above date **between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.**, and is for Catholics between the ages of **41 and 69** (LADIES in their 40's & 50's and GENTS in their 40's, 50's, and 60's).

TAKE A CHANCE AND SEE WHAT GOD HAS PLANNED FOR YOU!



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!**

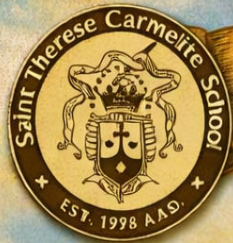


ST. THERESE SCHOOL NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

FOR
THE
2026-
2027
SCHOOL
YEAR



St. Theresse Carmelite School, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, national origin, and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the School. The School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single-sex schools. While the School does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities, as well as the resources available to the School in meeting the student's needs. (Note: This School Student Non-Discrimination Policy does not provide nor imply that the Archdiocese waives any legal exceptions or exemptions that may apply to it as a religious nonprofit organization.)



Saint Theresse Carmelite School
Faith • Academics • Virtue

Growing with Saint Theresse!



Start Your Journey!

OPEN ENROLLMENT TK – 8th Grade



"GET THEE BEHIND ME, SATAN!"

A First-Person Perspective Meditation (Matthew 16:21-27)

The road to Jerusalem stretches before Me like a shadowed promise. I have begun to tell them what awaits—suffering, rejection, death. The words fall heavy, and I see the sorrow in their eyes. They love Me, yet they do not yet understand that love must pass through the fire to be made eternal. Peter then steps forward, his voice trembling with affection and fear. **"God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to You."** His heart speaks from love, but love unpurified by the cross. Behind his words, I feel the whisper of the tempter—the same voice that once offered Me kingdoms without Calvary. I turn to him, the ache in My heart deep, and say to him, **"Get thee behind Me, Satan!"** I say this not to condemn Peter, but to call him back to truth. He is not My enemy; he is My friend who must learn that divine love does not flee from sacrifice. The Father's plan is not cruelty—it is redemption.

The disciples watch, silent and bewildered. They do not yet see that the path to life winds through death. I speak to them all: **"Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me."** The words are hard, yet they are freedom. To cling to life is to lose it; to surrender it for My sake is to find it. The world offers gain that fades—wealth, comfort, applause—but the soul's treasure lies in obedience and love.

And so I remind them—and all who will follow after—that the story does not end in suffering. The Son of Man will come with His angels in His Father's glory. Every sacrifice made out of love, every hidden act of faithfulness, every cross carried in silence will be seen in that light. Nothing given to the Father is ever lost. In the end, all will be repaid according to the truth of their hearts, and justice will shine brighter than the sun.

The wind stirs, carrying the scent of olive trees. I walk on, knowing that the Way of the Cross is the way home to My Father.



*Whoever wishes to come after Me
must deny himself,
take up his cross,
and follow Me."*



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS
TO THE
IMMACULATE
HEART OF MARY

Mark your calendar for our next First Saturday Devotion
on September 5, 2026, and join us after the 8:00 a.m.,
Mass for the Rosary and 15 minutes of meditation!

13 Fatima Reminders From Sister Lúcia (from an article by Joseph Pronechen)

We continuing from last month with the April 13, 1971, letter of Servant of God Sister Lúcia of Fatima to her nephew, Fr. Jose dos Santos Valinhos:

9. "The work of our redemption began at the moment when the Word descended from Heaven in order to assume a human body in the womb of Mary. From that moment, and for the next nine months, the Blood of Christ was the Blood of Mary, taken from Her Immaculate Heart; the Heart of Christ was beating in unison with the Heart of Mary. And we can think that the aspirations of the Heart of Mary were completely identified with the aspirations of the Heart of Christ.

"Mary's ideal had become the same as Christ Himself, and the love in the Heart of Mary was the love in the Heart of Christ for the Father and for all human beings; to begin with, the entire work of redemption passed through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, through the bond of her close intimate union with the Divine Word ... in view of all this and by God's disposition, Mary became, with Christ, the co-Redemptrix of the human race."

Source: <https://ewtn.co.uk/article-13-fatima-reminders-from-sister-lucia>



Financial Offerings



August 22 / 23, 2026

Unrestricted..... \$16,415.00
Restricted \$ 865.00
T O T A L..... \$17,280.00

July 25 / 26 \$17,737.00
August 1 / 2 \$18,787.00
August 8 / 9 \$21,389.00
August 15 / 16 \$21,850.00

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

Mass Intentions

August 29—September 5, 2026

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:

5:00 p.m.: Elyza Tuan, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Maria Huong Truong, INT

7:30 a.m.: Teri Kos, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Kennedy Casavi, B-Day Intention

11:00 a.m.: Raymond Reyes, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Honor of the Holy Family

5:00 p.m.: Heather Brajkovich, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Edward Samuel Holguin, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: John & Hazel LaCross, RIP

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

7:15 p.m.: Raymond Reyes, RIP

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

6:00 a.m.: Deceased Religious, Relatives & Benefactors of the Carmel of St Teresa

*7:30 a.m.: Gordon La Cross, INT

8:00 a.m.: Abigail Cox, Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: Esther Reyes & Family, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Mr. Joey Traini, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Vincent & Alicia Maldonado, INT

8:00 a.m.: Dr. Patrick McAllister, RIP

Thursday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: The Maldonado Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Rocio Gomez, INT

First Friday:

6 a.m.: Carmen Reyes, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Nicole Tittmann, B-Day INT

8:00 a.m.: Leo J. Lacangan, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Chris Holman, INT

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: All Souls in Purgatory

*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.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

+ Ascension Gutierrez
(Father of Lisa Gutierrez Sandoval)

+ Jose Alberto "Joby" Arambulo
(Cousin of Anna Meneses)

+ Lilian Portillo
(Mother of Lily Meneses)

+ Carlos Guzman
(Uncle of Thania Moo)

Personal Ads

BRING COMFORT TO YOUR LOVED ONE. STC Parishioner with 12 years caregiving experience offers dedicated, non-medical hospice support.

- Bedside prayers (Rosary, Divine Mercy)
 - Respite care for family rest
 - Gentle family guidance
 - Flexible and negotiable hourly rates
- Call (626) 840-8575.

SEEKING A ROOM TO RENT: Lady (with her pet cat) seeks to rent a room in your home with kitchen privileges. If you can help, call Valerie at (626) 713-4420.