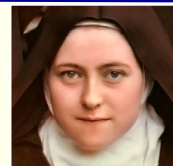


St. Therese Catholic Church



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Happy Easter!

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him. So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first..." (John 20:1-4).



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,

Christ is Risen, Alleluia! Indeed, He is Risen, Alleluia!

May you always seek "the Living One" and the new life that awaits you in this Easter season!

Below is **St. John Paul II's last Easter message** ("*Urbi et Orbi*") delivered by him as Pope on March 31, 2002—still a very relevant plea for peace for our world right now! **A Blessed Easter to all of you! —Fr. Peter**

"Resurrexit, alleluia—He is risen, alleluia! This year, too, the joyous proclamation of Easter, which echoed powerfully at last night's vigil, strengthens our hope. 'Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen' (Luke 24:5-6). Thus, the angel encouraged the women who had hastened to the tomb. The Easter liturgy repeats to us, the men and women of the third millennium: Christ is risen, Christ is alive among us! His name now is 'the Living One,' death has no more power over Him (Romans 6:9).

"Resurrexit! Today you, O Redeemer of mankind, rise victoriously from the tomb to offer to us, troubled by many threatening shadows, your wish for joy and peace.

Those who are tempted by anxiety and desperation turn to you, O Christ, our life and our guide, to hear the proclamation of the hope that does not disappoint. On this day of your victory over death, may humanity find in you, O Lord, the courage to oppose in solidarity the many evils that afflict it.

"May the work of national and international institutions hasten the overcoming of the present difficulties and favor progress toward a more effective and peaceful world order. May world leaders be confirmed and sustained in their efforts to resolve satisfactorily the continuing conflicts that cause bloodshed in certain regions of Africa, Iraq, and the Holy Land. You, firstborn of many brothers, grant that all who consider themselves children of Abraham may rediscover the brotherhood that they share and that prompts in them designs of cooperation and peace.

"Take heed all of you who have at heart mankind's future! Take heed, men and women of good will! May the temptation to seek revenge give way to the courage to forgive; may the culture of life and love render vain the logic of death; may trust once more give breath to the lives of peoples. If our future is one, it is the task and duty of all to build it with patient and painstaking farsightedness.

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You who have conquered death, you alone 'have the words of eternal life' (John 6:68). To you we raise with confidence our prayer which becomes an invocation of comfort for the families of the many victims of violence. Help us to work ceaselessly for the coming of that more just and united world that you have inaugurated with your resurrection. Accompanying us in this task is 'she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord' (Luke 1:45). Blessed are you, O Mary, silent witness of Easter! You, O Mother of the Crucified One now risen, who at the hour of pain and death kept the flame of hope burning, teach us also to be, among the incongruities of passing time, convinced and joyful witnesses of the eternal message of life and love brought to the world by the Risen Redeemer."

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27th, IS
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Receive a Plenary Indulgence!

**SUNDAY,
APRIL 27,
2025**



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

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

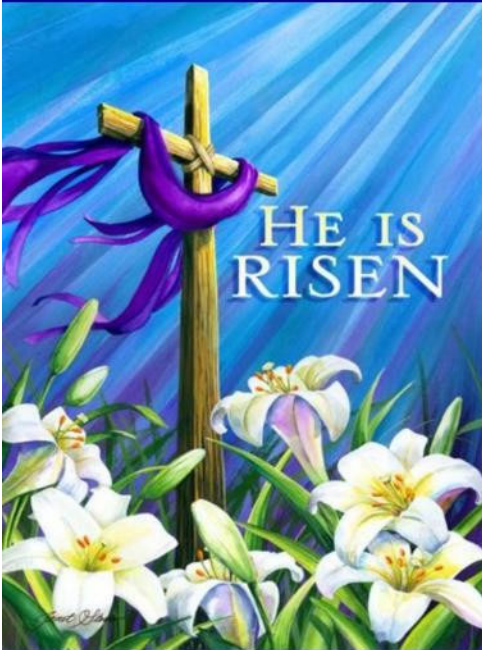
- EXPOSITION**
- HOLY HOUR**
- CONFESSION**
- CHAPLET
OF MERCY**
- TALK BY
DEACON REX
ON
"MERCY
& HOPE"**
- BENEDICTION**

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU



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Alleluia! He is Risen!

**May the Risen Christ bless you and
your families this Easter season.**

**Know that all the parishioners of
St. Therese are in our continued prayers.**

**God bless you,
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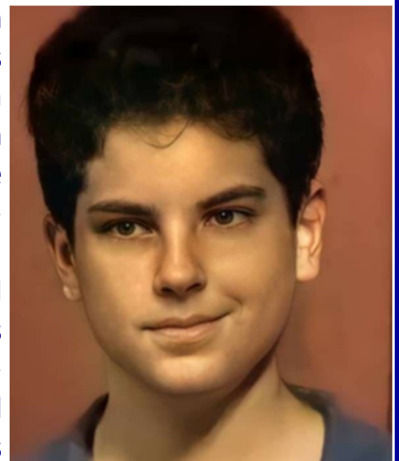
A Modern Saint for a Modern World

Carlo Acutis to Be Canonized

Next **Sunday, April 27**, the Catholic Church will celebrate the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis, a remarkable young man who is widely recognized as the first millennial to be declared a saint. Carlo was born in 1991 in London and raised in Milan, Italy. From a young age, he had an extraordinary devotion to the Eucharist and a deep love for God. He attended daily Mass, prayed the Rosary regularly, and showed great kindness to the poor and marginalized—even offering his own meals to those in need.

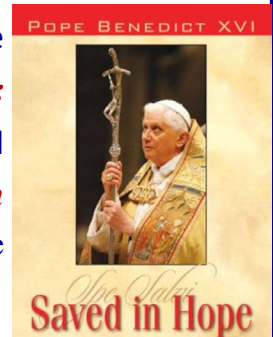
What makes Carlo especially relatable to today's youth is how he embraced holiness in the modern world. A gifted tech whiz, he used his computer skills to create an online catalog of Eucharistic miracles from around the world—believing firmly that “the Eucharist is my highway to Heaven” (his site is still running! Go to <https://www.miracolieuucaristici.org/> and click “English”). His life combined faith and technology in a way that speaks powerfully to our teens and young adults today.

On October 12, 2006, Carlo died of leukemia at just 15 years old, having offered his suffering for the Pope and the Church. When his body was exhumed as part of the canonization process, it was found to be incorrupt—a sign of his sanctity and the grace of God. His canonization is a significant event, especially for our Catholic youth. Carlo is proof that sanctity is not out of reach—it is possible, even in sneakers and with a laptop in hand. May his life inspire our young people to walk boldly in faith, using their own gifts to serve Christ.



"The Mystery of the Church": Classes with Fr. Stephen Watson

The next class in this series will be this **Tuesday, April 22**, from 7:30 to 9:30 in the Parish Meeting Room. The topic will be **"THE CHURCH AND THE RESURRECTION: GIVING OUR CONTEMPORARIES REASON FOR HOPE."** During the class we will look at Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical on hope, called *Spe Salvi (Saved in Hope)*. The title comes from a quote in St. Paul's letter to the Romans, "In hope we were saved". All are welcome to attend!



The Tomb is Empty... Our Hearts are Full!

The tomb is empty! He Is Risen! Easter morning dawns with a joy that cannot be contained. The Gospel of John tells us that Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb early, only to find the stone rolled away. Peter and the beloved disciple ran to see, and though the tomb was empty, they began to believe. The Resurrection is not just a moment in history—it's the heart of our faith. "He is not here," the angels said in another Gospel, "He has risen." Today, we echo that truth in joyful chorus. What they saw wasn't just a mystery—it was the dawning of hope, the breaking of a new and eternal day.

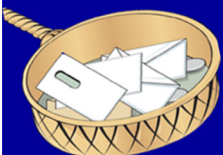
Peter, who once denied Christ, now boldly proclaims in Acts (10:34,37–43) that Jesus, crucified and risen, has been appointed judge of the living and the dead. And yet, this Judge comes not with condemnation, but with mercy and salvation. "Everyone who believes in Him will receive forgiveness of sins through His name." Easter is not just a celebration of one event long ago—it is a declaration of God's mercy alive and active in our own lives today. Psalm 118 sings the joy of the Resurrection with exultant praise: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!" The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone of our faith.



St. Paul's words in Colossians remind us that the Resurrection is not just about Jesus rising—it's about our own rising too. "Seek what is above," Paul urges, "where Christ is seated at the right hand of God." Easter challenges us to leave behind what is earthly and broken and to live as people of hope. The tomb is empty, but our hearts are full. Let this Easter renew our trust in God's promises and fill our lives with resurrection joy!

Easter invites each of us to rise with Christ—to seek what is eternal, to be transformed by grace, and to live as witnesses of His victory over death. Let our alleluias ring out in every heart and home today. Christ is risen—and so is our hope!

Financial Offerings



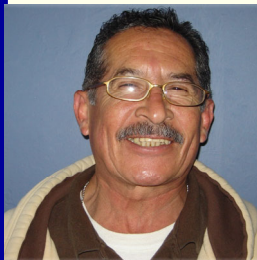
April 12 / 13, 2025

Unrestricted.....	\$22,910.00
Restricted	\$ 660.00
T O T A L.....	\$23,570.00

March 15 / 16	\$11,618.00
March 22 / 23	\$22,060.00
March 29 / 30	\$12,509.00
April 5 / 6	\$18,150.00

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Please use a
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Rest in Peace, Mariano!



For those who may not have heard, our long-time custodian, **Mariano Aguilar**, passed away on Friday, April 11, after a prolonged illness of over two months.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been finalized, but we will share the details as soon as they are available.

Mariano truly loved the people of St. Therese and found great joy in working among us. He had a generous heart and was always quick to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He found deep fulfillment in serving others.

In his final weeks, all of our friars visited him several times in the hospital—praying with him, hearing his confession, anointing him, and bringing him Holy Communion. Mariano was well-prepared to meet the Lord, and we entrust him now to God's eternal care. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

Join Our Active Ministries

Below are our Parish groups that meet on a regular basis—either every week or every month.

—**COR JESU YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY:** For youth and their families—meets 2nd Friday of each month.

—**DEUS VOCAT:** A Parish Apostolate established to pray for vocations (See Page Six for more info).

—**EnCOURAGE:** Standing fully by the teachings of the Church, faithful Catholic parents support one another and their loved ones with same sex attraction. Meets monthly. For parents: EnCourage.LosAngeles@gmail.com; for those with same sex attraction: CourageCA.LosAngeles@gmail.com).

—**FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION:** Meets after the 8:00 a.m. Mass every first Saturday to pray the Rosary and meditate for 15 minutes. Call Maria Alejandra at (626) 993-4236.

—**FLAME OF LOVE:** ...about the Blessed Mother's messages to seer Elizabeth Kindelmann. Two sessions meet every Monday. Contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.

—**HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY:** Teams of trained lay people pray for your healing after our Monday evening Mass. For more info, send an email to: HpmStc1@gmail.com.

—**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** For Catholic men aged 18 and over who want to strengthen their faith through serving the Church and their community. Contact Greg Gomez at jggomez@me.com.

—**LAY MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY:** An international association of lay people—married and single—whose members make private vows of chastity, poverty, obedience, and wholehearted service to the poorest of the poor. Meets every 3rd Saturday (9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.); prays the Rosary daily at 6:00 p.m. Contact Alejandra at (626) 630-8760.

—**REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS:** A devotion for the purpose of making reparation to the Sacred Heart. It is held every Friday from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. in the church.

—**RETROUVAILLE LOS ANGELES:** A Program to help couples in troubled marriages learn about the tools needed to get their marriages back on track through a combination of one weekend, follow-up sessions, and fellowship/enrichment presentations (held at St Therese). For more info, call (909) 900-5465 or go to www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

—**ROSARY MAKERS:** This group makes rosaries to be sent to Catholics in third-world countries. Sessions are held on Mondays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. All are welcome to join!

—**ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP:** Meets in the church every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. to pray for our parish community and for increase in vocations. For more info, call Lucy Marikian at (626) 281-3706.

—**ZELIE'S CIRCLE CHILDREN'S HOLY HOUR:** For moms of children from birth to 5 years old. Meets in the church every First Thursday of each month from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. for adoration and prayer with Fr. Peter Mary.

Mass Intentions

April 19—April 26, 2025

Easter Vigil (Saturday Evening):

8:15 p.m.: Michael Locascio, RIP

Easter Sunday

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

7:30 a.m.: Cheah and Goh Families, INT

9:00 a.m.: Therese Hong Nguyen, RIP

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

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

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Easter Novena 1

*7:30 a.m.: Teresie Nally, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Emma Goodwin, INT

7:15 p.m.: Doris Lazzara, RIP

Tuesday:

6 am: Flaviano, Simeon, Nelson Sy Siu, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Huy Tran, INT

8:00 a.m.: Luis Que, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Easter Novena 2

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

7:30 a.m.: Fr. Hau Vu, INT

8:00 a.m.: Easter Novena 3

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Easter Novena 4

7:30 a.m.: Mr. and Mrs. Marc Giambalvo INT

8:00 a.m.: Roger Wong, Birthday INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Beatrice Ascevicio, INT

7:30 a.m.: Anthony Brajkovich, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Easter Novena 5

Saturday Morning

7:30 a.m.: Cloistered Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Ellena Cheah, INT

*Held at the Cloistered
Carmelite Chapel (215 East
Alhambra Road, Alhambra).
Open to the public except on
Sundays and some 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

"JUBILEE OF HOPE" PILGRIMAGE TO ALABAMA! SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT AND EWTN, home of Mother Angelica, July 15-23, 2025, with Fr. Huy Nguyen. Daily Mass with the Poor Claire cloistered nuns, a healing service and spiritual talks by the Franciscan friars, a visit to the Pope St. John Paul II Eucharistic Museum, a rosary procession to a replica of Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto and the Stations of the Eucharist. We'll attend a world-wide televised Mass at EWTN and so much more! Enjoy peace and tranquility along with fun, fellowship, and great southern hospitality. For more info please contact Albert and Mary Helen Estrada: (626) 533-4839. Limited spots available.

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE, AND ITALY with Fr. Julius Ntalo, OCD: Join this 14-day pilgrimage from July 11 to 24, 2025, to all four countries listed in the title. For more info and to receive an itinerary, contact ABM Tours at 310-514-3323 or 408-903-6305 or maddatubeth2@gmail.com. See more info at abmtours.com.

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE (JUBILEE 2025) TO ITALY - Rome, Naples & Florence - AUGUST 25 - SEPTEMBER 2—Roundtrip non-stop flight from LA to Rome on Norse Atlantic Airways in Premium Classic, six nights at well-located historic and comfortable city-center accommodations with private bath and AC. Daily Holy Mass, breakfast & dinner. \$4280 (double rm. occupancy) from LAX / +\$395 single room supplement. For itinerary, contact: Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186 or call Sacred Heart Tours at 1-845-594-2222 (P.O. Box 384 - Burton, TX 77835).

This is the day that
the Lord has made;
let us rejoice
and be glad in it.

-Psalm 118:24