

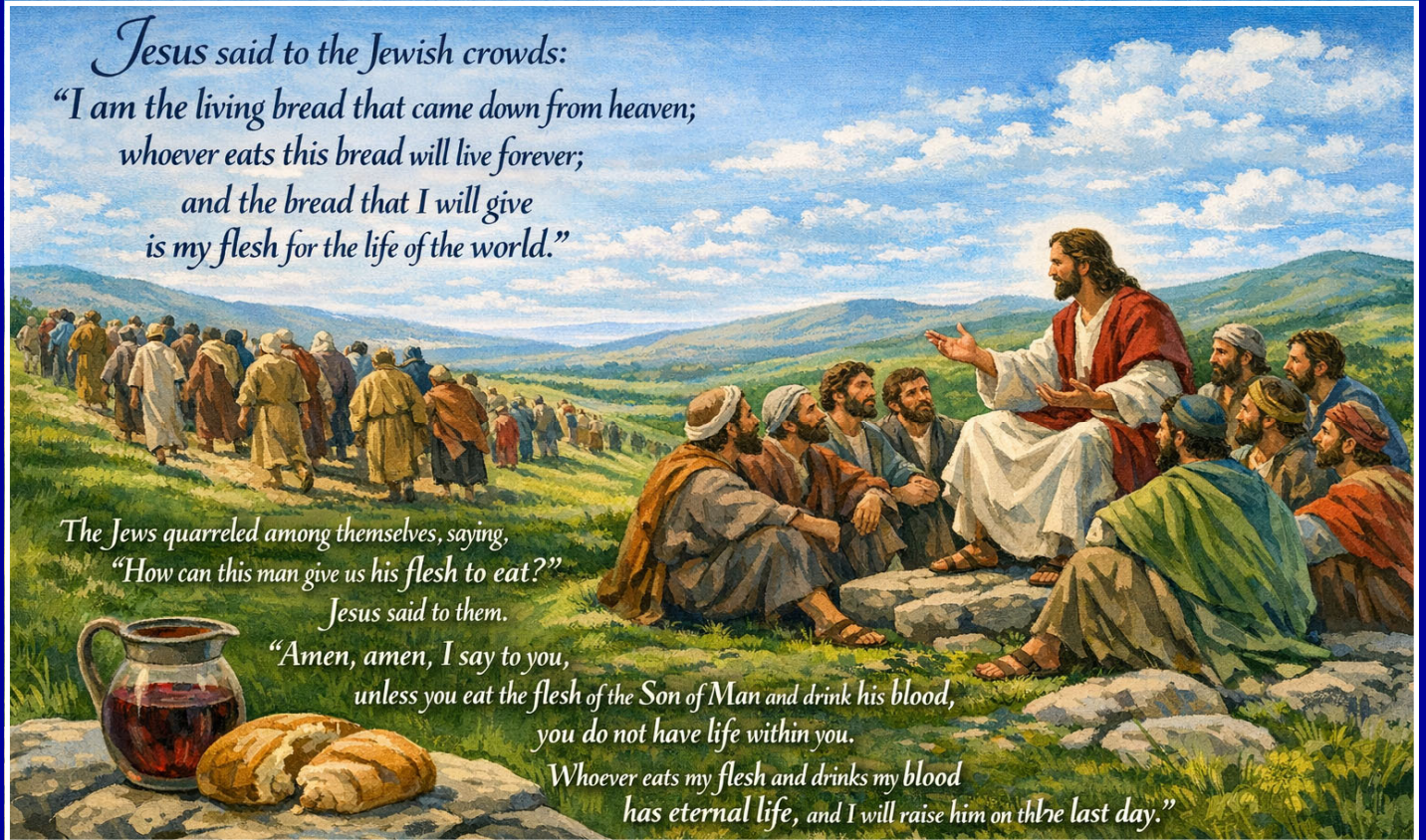
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# St Therese Catholic Church



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*Jesus said to the Jewish crowds:  
“I am the living bread that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever;  
and the bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world.”*

*The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,  
“How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”*

*Jesus said to them,*

*“Amen, amen, I say to you,  
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,  
you do not have life within you.*

*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.”*

## 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

**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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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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## 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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Open your banking app; then scan this Zelle QR code. Use email [donateSTC@gmail.com](mailto:donateSTC@gmail.com). If asked, the recipient is THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF LA ST THERESE CHU.

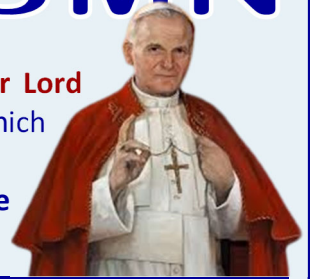


# PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

**Today we celebrate Corpus Christi, the Most Precious Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ!** All of you are invited to participate in our **Corpus Christi procession**, which will follow today's 9:00 a.m. Mass.

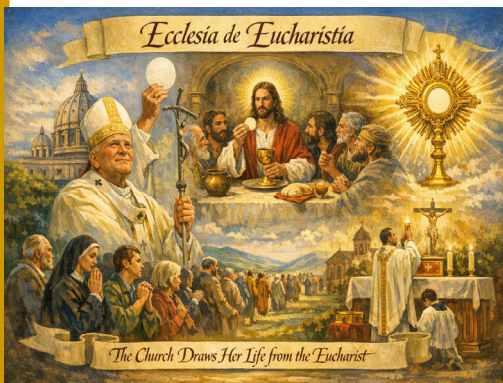
To honor this day, let us read from **St. John Paul II's great encyclical on the Eucharist, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia***. —Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D.



Allow me, dear brothers and sisters, to share with deep emotion, as a means of accompanying and strengthening your faith, my own testimony of faith in the Most Holy Eucharist: ***"Ave, verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum, in cruce pro homine!"*** ("Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, sacrificed, on the cross for mankind".)

Here is the Church's treasure, the heart of the world, the pledge of the fulfillment for which each man and woman, even unconsciously, yearns. A great and transcendent mystery, indeed, and one that taxes our mind's ability to pass beyond appearances. Here our senses fail us: ***Visus, tactus, gustus in te fallitur***, in the words of the hymn ***Adoro Te Devote***; yet faith alone, rooted in the word of Christ handed down to us by the Apostles, is sufficient for us. Allow me, like Peter at the end of the Eucharistic discourse in John's Gospel, to say once more to Christ, in the name of the whole Church and in the name of each of you: ***"Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life"*** (John 6:68).

Every commitment to holiness, every activity aimed at carrying out the Church's mission, every work of pastoral planning, must draw the strength it needs from the Eucharistic mystery and, in turn, be directed to that mystery as its culmination. In the Eucharist, we have Jesus, we have His redemptive sacrifice, we have His resurrection, we have the gift of the Holy Spirit, we have adoration, obedience, and love of the Father. Were we to disregard the Eucharist, how could we overcome our own deficiency?



The mystery of the Eucharist—sacrifice, presence, banquet—does not allow for reduction or exploitation; it must be experienced and lived in its integrity, both in its celebration and in the intimate conversation with Jesus, which takes place after receiving Communion or in a prayerful moment of Eucharistic adoration, apart from Mass. These are times when the Church is firmly built up, and it becomes clear what she truly is: One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic; the people, temple, and family of God; the body and bride of Christ, enlivened by the Holy Spirit; the universal sacrament of salvation and a hierarchically-structured Communion.

By giving the Eucharist the prominence it deserves, and by being careful not to diminish any of its dimensions or demands, we show that we are truly conscious of the greatness of this gift. We are urged to do so by an uninterrupted tradition, which from the first centuries on has found the Christian community ever vigilant in guarding this "treasure." Inspired by love, the Church is anxious to hand on to future generations of Christians, without loss, Her faith and teaching with regard to the mystery of the Eucharist. There can be no danger of excess in our care for this mystery, for "in this Sacrament is recapitulated the whole mystery of our salvation."

Let us take our place, dear brothers and sisters, at the school of the saints, who are the great interpreters of true Eucharistic piety. In them, the theology of the Eucharist takes on all the splendor of a lived reality; it becomes "contagious" and, in a manner of speaking, it "warms our hearts." Above all, let us listen to Mary Most Holy, in whom the mystery of the Eucharist appears, more than in anyone else, as a mystery of light. Gazing upon Mary, we come to know the transforming power present in the Eucharist. In her we see the world renewed in love. Contemplating her, assumed body and soul into Heaven, we see opening up before us those "new heavens" and that "new earth" which will appear at the second coming of Christ. Here on earth, the Eucharist represents their pledge and, in a certain way, their anticipation: ***"Veni, Domine Jesu!"*** (Rev 22:20).

# ICE CREAM SUNDAY FUN DAY!

Sunday, June 7  
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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# COMMUNION OF REPARATION VIGILS



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**Friday - Saturday  
 JUNE 12-13, 2026**

- 7:15 PM Holy Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, O.C.D. Celebrant
- 8:00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
St. John Paul II Consecration  
Consecration Prayers
- 9:00 Nine Offices of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 11:00 Scriptural Rosaries
- 12:00 AM Eucharistic Procession  
Benediction  
Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 1:00 Holy Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary



**PLEASE JOIN US**  
 on the Solemn Feasts of  
 the Sacred Heart of Jesus and  
 the Immaculate Heart of Mary

In light of the current global challenges and peace in the world, Our Lord and Our Lady urge us to respond to Their **URGENT CALL for PRAYER and PENANCE.**

For more information, please contact:  
 Lily Edusma (626)757-7825

### 5 INTENTIONS for the COMMUNION OF REPARATION VIGILS

- 1 End to ALL Wars and global unrest
- 2 Restore sanctity of Family life, marriage, and life in general
- 3 Reparation for ALL desecrations against the Eucharist and the Sacred, offenses and blasphemies against the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 4 End to widespread corruption, criminality, and immorality
- 5 TRIUMPH of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

# WHY MAKE REPARATION?

## A GLOBAL APPEAL FOR COMMUNIONS OF REPARATION

In **1675**, Jesus asked St. Margaret Mary Alacoque to make "**reparation**" on nine First Fridays to His Most Sacred Heart, which was outraged so much by SIN.

In **1917**, Our Lady of Fatima asked that **REPARATION** be made to Her Immaculate Heart on five First Saturdays. Our Lady then promised, "**If my requests are heard, my Immaculate Heart will Triumph ... and an Era of Peace will be granted to mankind.**"

Then in **1925**, almost 100 years ago, Our Lord as the Child Jesus appeared to Sr. Lucia dos Santos in Pontevedra, Spain and asked that His Heart "**be honored side by side with the Heart of His Mother**". This Climactic Message from Our Lord asked mankind to unite their hearts with the Alliance of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

## JOIN US in continuing the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope

in a **concerted effort** to PRAY and do PENANCE as we celebrate these Communions of Reparations to bring back holiness in Family Life and to usher the **Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** and the **Eucharistic Reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** – the Two Pillars of Salvation!

**Come with a friend or with your entire family!**

**"If my requests are heard, My Immaculate Heart will Triumph ...and an Era of Peace will be granted to mankind." —Our Lady of Fatima**

# Lauda Sion (Corpus Christi Sequence) by St. Thomas Aquinas



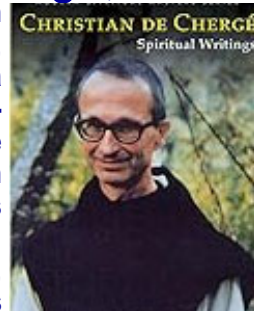
Laud, O Zion, your salvation,  
 Laud with hymns of exultation,  
 Christ, your king and shepherd true:  
 Bring him all the praise you know,  
 He is more than you bestow.  
 Never can you reach his due.  
 Special theme for glad thanksgiving  
 Is the quick'ning and the living  
 Bread today before you set:  
 From his hands of old partaken,  
 As we know, by faith unshaken,  
 Where the Twelve at supper met.  
 Full and clear ring out your chanting,  
 Joy nor sweetest grace be wanting,  
 From your heart let praises burst:  
 For today the feast is holden,  
 When the institution olden  
 Of that supper was rehearsed.  
 Here the new law's new oblation,  
 By the new king's revelation,  
 Ends the form of ancient rite:

Now the new the old effaces,  
 Truth away the shadow chases,  
 Light dispels the gloom of night.  
 What he did at supper seated,  
 Christ ordained to be repeated,  
 His memorial ne'er to cease:  
 And his rule for guidance taking,  
 Bread and wine we hallow, making  
 Thus our sacrifice of peace.  
 This the truth each Christian learns,  
 Bread into his flesh he turns,  
 To his precious blood the wine:  
 Sight has fail'd, nor thought conceives,  
 But a dauntless faith believes,  
 Resting on a pow'r divine.  
 Here beneath these signs are hidden  
 Priceless things to sense forbidden;  
 Signs, not things are all we see:  
 Blood is poured and flesh is broken,  
 Yet in either wondrous token  
 Christ entire we know to be.

Whoso of this food partakes,  
 Does not rend the Lord nor breaks;  
 Christ is whole to all that taste:  
 Thousands are, as one, receivers,  
 One, as thousands of believers,  
 Eats of him who cannot waste.  
 Bad and good the feast are sharing,  
 Of what divers dooms preparing,  
 Endless death, or endless life.  
 Life to these, to those damnation,  
 See how like participation  
 Is with unlike issues rife.  
 When the sacrament is broken,  
 Doubt not, but believe 'tis spoken,  
 That each sever'd outward token  
 Doth the very whole contain.  
 Nought the precious gift divides,  
 Breaking but the sign betides  
 Jesus still the same abides,  
 still unbroken does remain.

# Reflection by Fr. Stephen on Ven. Dom Christian de Chergé, OCSO

Following the showing of **OF GODS AND MEN** at our parish movie night last Saturday, May 30, I reflected on the witness of the Trappist monks of Tibhirine in Algeria. The film portrays the life and martyrdom of the monks, including **Dom Christian de Chergé, OCSO**, the prior of the monastery, who remained with his community in a spirit of prayer, charity, and solidarity despite the growing danger around them due to a war in Algeria. **Charles-Marie Christian de Chergé, O.C.S.O** (January 18, 1937 – May 21, 1996) was a French Cistercian, one of the seven monks kidnapped from the Abbey of Our Lady of Atlas in Tibhirine, Algeria, and later killed by Islamists in 1996. **He was beatified with eighteen others, the Martyrs of Algeria, on December 9, 2018. His feast day is May 8.**

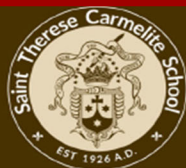


Shortly before his death, Dom Christian wrote a remarkable **“Testament,”** expressing his faith, forgiveness, and hope in God. **The following excerpt offers a brief reflection of his words—his personal witness to Christ’s love lived in the midst of fear and uncertainty. (Note: You can read the entire one-page document by Googling his name and the word “testament.”)**

In his powerful Testament, Dom Christian expresses a serene readiness to give his life, entrusting himself completely to God. He acknowledges the possibility of a violent death and accepts it not as a defeat, but as a participation in Christ’s love. He refuses to see his death as blaming a people or religion, insisting instead that God’s mercy embraces all. His life, lived among the people of Algeria, was a gift freely offered, and he hopes his witness may point others toward reconciliation and deeper understanding.

In his Testament, he extends forgiveness ahead of time to the one who might take his life, praying that this person might be reunited with him in God’s Kingdom. Rather than hatred or division, he desires communion and peace. He entrusts his community, his loved ones, and the future to God, expressing gratitude for the grace to have lived in love.

He ends his Testament with the following words: **“I give thanks to God for this life, completely mine yet completely theirs, too; to God, who wanted it for joy against, and in spite of, all odds. In this Thank You—which says everything about my life—I include you, my friends past and present—thank you a thousandfold. And to you, too, my friend of the last moment, who will not know what you are doing. Yes, for you, too, I wish this thank-you, this “A-Dieu,” whose image is in you also, that we may meet in Heaven, like happy thieves, if it pleases God, our common Father. Amen! Insha Allah!”**



## Saint Therese Carmelite School Faith ✦ Academics ✦ Virtue

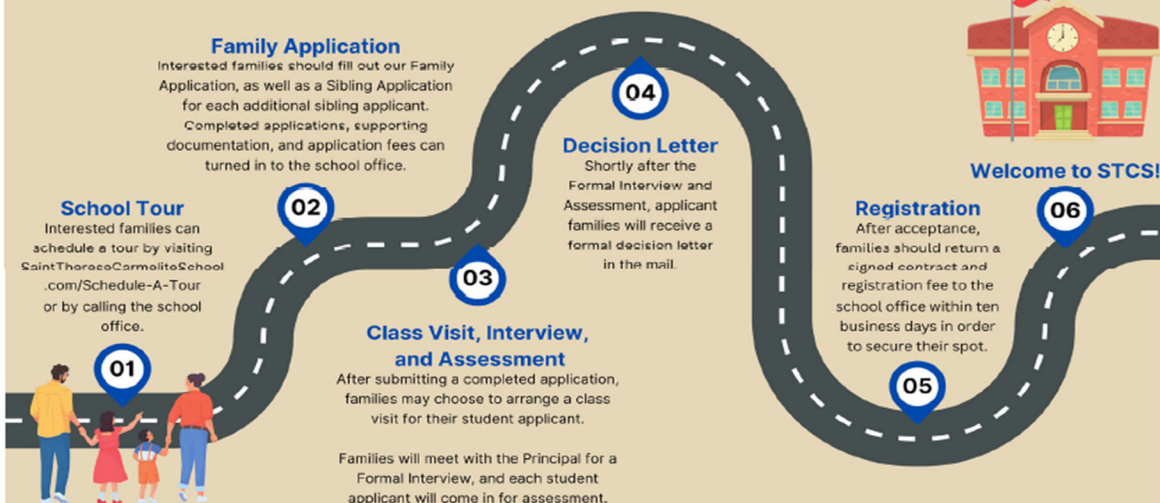
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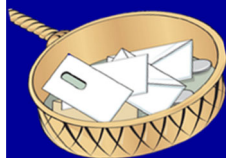
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### 6 Stages of the Admissions Process



# Financial Offerings



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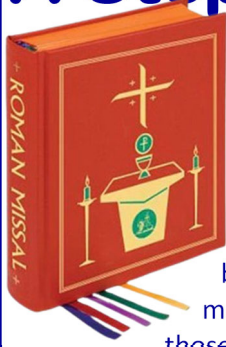
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Restricted ..... \$ 294.00  
**TOTAL..... \$15,549.00**

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# A Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass

## Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 44: The Preface As Thanksgiving



Charles Belmonte indicates that the preface is an appropriate beginning of the Eucharistic prayer, since it “is basically an act of thanksgiving in a literary form between prayer and hymn.” (Understanding the Mass, p. 128).

**Thanksgiving for Every Day of the Year:** Our current Missal has about 50 regularly used Prefaces grouped together, including ones for Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Sundays of Ordinary Time, Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints, Funerals, and some “Common” Prefaces that can be used on days where another specific Preface isn’t called for. In addition to these, there are many more Prefaces in the Missal, including some specially designed for certain Eucharistic Prayers and those that are used on specific celebrations such as Christ the King or the Most Holy Trinity. There are even some special Prefaces for civic holidays, such as Thanksgiving or the Fourth of July in the United States.

**Special Truths Proclaimed in the Preface:** For example, the Preface of Advent says, “For He assumed at His first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when He comes again in glory and majesty and all is at last made manifest, we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope.”

No doubt, those are prayers packed with great truths! The next time you are at Mass, see if you can notice any of the main themes of the Preface. It is a great summary of the celebration of the day, and a fitting preparation for the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer to come!

**Source:** Fr. Luke Spannagel’s blog at <https://www.stphils.com/church/Eucharistic-revival-walk-through-the-Mass/>



## Healing Ministry on Summer Hiatus

Our Healing Prayer Ministry (HPM), normally held on Mondays after the 7:15 p.m.

Mass, is **taking off for the Summer** (now through Labor Day). The HPM will resume on Monday evening, September 14, 2026.



*St. Therese*

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

## Mass Intention Scheduling Update for 2027

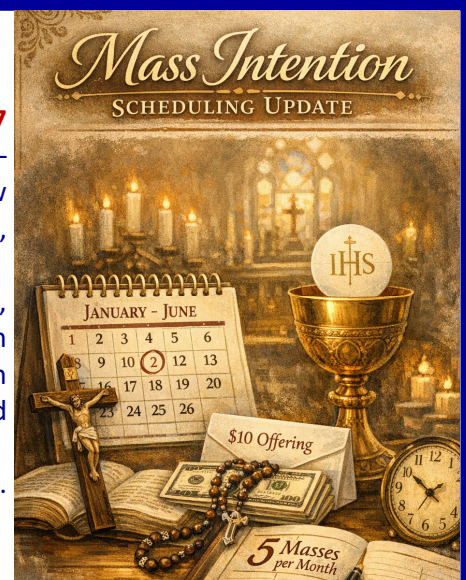
We are now accepting Mass intentions **for the first six months of 2027 (January 1–June 30)**. The schedule for the second half of the year (July 1–December 31, 2027) will open for your intentions in December. To fairly allow more parishioners the opportunity to request preferred Mass dates and times, each person may schedule **no more than five Masses every thirty days**.

Canon Law 948 reflects the Church’s “One Mass, One Intention” principle, which requires that a separate Mass be celebrated for each individual intention for which an offering has been given. This ensures reverence for the intention and avoids even the appearance of impropriety (simony). Note: The suggested offering, as set by the Archbishop of Los Angeles, is \$10 per Mass.

In fidelity to Canon Law, St. Thérèse Parish follows this practice carefully.

**As a result, all Mass intentions for 2026 have already been filled.**

**Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.**



# Mass Intentions

## June 6—June 13, 2026

**Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:**

5:00 p.m.: Fr. James Adams, B-Day INT

**Sunday:**

\*7:30 am: Susan Morgan, RIP

7:30 am: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Ethan Casavi, B-Day INT

11:00 am: Dorothy Angelina Presthome, RIP

1 pm: Sofia & Isabella Lopez & Family, INT

5:00 p.m.: Fr. James Adams, B-Day INT

**Monday:**

6:00 a.m.: Winston Goh, INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Therese, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Thomas Kalapura, RIP

7:15 p.m.: CiCi Mao, RIP

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

6:00 a.m.: John Chan, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: David Gabriel Castro, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Francisco Jose Chavez, INT

**Wednesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Megan Duncan, INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Elizabeth Haley Nguyen, INT

8:00 am: Marilyn Funderbukk, RIP

**Thursday:**

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

\*7:30 a.m.: Khouw Lip Hing, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Indah Lay, INT

**Friday:**

6:00 a.m.: Fr. James Adams, INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Angelle Laigo, B-Day INT

8:00 a.m.: Maryanne Losorelli, INT

**Saturday Morning**

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

8:00 a.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, 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

The complete itineraries for the following pilgrimages are 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.



**CARMELITE-INSPIRED PILGRIMAGE** to Italy from July 9-18, 2026: Land Tour cost: \$3880. Visit Assisi for the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis, with the friends of the Discalced Carmelites. Visit Siena, Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Mont Sant' Angelo, Pompeii, Amalfi, Montecassino, and more. Off the beaten path and at a slower pace, this unique route offers opportunities to encounter the wondrous saints of Italy. Includes 9 nights at 3&4 star hotels, breakfast & dinner, private motorcoach or van, all touring, entrance fees to all sites, tour chaplain, & daily Mass. Additional Costs: Overseas flights (LAX round trip to Rome, Italy). As of now, the non-stop airfare varies from \$1300 (economy) to \$2400 (Premier) on Norse Atlantic. Pilgrimage is with Sacred Heart Tours, (845) 594-2222, www.sacredhearttours.com. For more info, contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186.

## Personal Ads

Female parishioner seeks to RENT A ROOM with a private bathroom and kitchen privileges (private entrance and proximity to St. Therese are pluses but not required). I am prayerful and quiet and willing to do grocery shopping/some cooking for the household. I am semi-retired and can comfortably afford \$850 per month. Please call (626) 840-8575.

Lady (with her pet cat) seeks to rent a room in a house (BR with closet, priv. bath, privileges in a large kitchen with stove & microwave, space in the living room for a large TV, pkg space in the garage with storage. Can pay up to \$600. If you can help, please call Valerie at (626) 713-4420.

## Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

+ **Gloria Worsham** (Aunt of Paula Chavez)  
Services: Sat., June 13, at 10:00 a.m.

+ **Martha Venti** (Wife of Frank Venti)  
Services: Sat., June 13, at Noon