



# St. Therese Catholic Church



March 15, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | [www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org](http://www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org)

## Samuel Anoints David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a)



### 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

**Associate Pastors:** Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, OCD

Fr. David Guzman, OCD X 1+232

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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

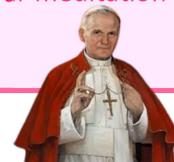
# PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

This Sunday is traditionally seen as the midway point of Lent called “Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday.” Please join us for a special Vespers service with the Credo Choir and our friars at **4:00 p.m., TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 15**, as a way to celebrate this special day within Lent. **The next day (March 16) begins our Parish Lenten Mission with visiting friar, Fr. Mark Kissner, OCD, on “St. John of the Cross and Healing.”** Please join us!

As the month of March and our Carmelite province is dedicated to St. Joseph, we continue with our meditation on him from **St. John Paul II's *Redemptoris Custos***.

**Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD**



## A JUST MAN, A HUSBAND

In the course of that pilgrimage of faith which was his life, Joseph, like Mary, remained faithful to God's call until the end. While Mary's life was the bringing to fullness of that *Fiat* first spoken at the Annunciation, at the moment of Joseph's own “annunciation,” he said nothing; instead he simply “did as the angel of the Lord commanded him” (Matt 1:24). And this first “doing” became the beginning of “Joseph's Way.” The Gospels do not record any word spoken by Joseph along that way. But the silence of Joseph has its own special eloquence, for thanks to that silence we can understand the truth of the Gospel's judgment that he was “a just man” (Matt. 1:19).

Through his complete self-sacrifice, Joseph expressed his generous love for the Mother of God, and gave her a husband's “gift of self.” Even though he decided to draw back so as not to interfere in the plan of God which was coming to pass in Mary, Joseph obeyed the explicit command of the angel and took Mary into his home, while respecting the fact that she belonged exclusively to God.

On the other hand, it was from his marriage to Mary that Joseph derived his singular dignity and his rights in regard to Jesus. “It is certain that the dignity of the Mother of God is so exalted that nothing could be more sublime; yet, because Mary was united to Joseph by the bond of marriage, there can be no doubt that Joseph approached, as no other person ever could, that eminent dignity whereby the Mother of God towers above all creatures. Since marriage is the highest degree of association, and friendship involving by its very nature a communion of goods, it follows that God, by giving Joseph to the Virgin, did not give him to her only as a companion for life, a witness of her virginity, and protector of her honor; he also gave Joseph to Mary in order that he might share, through the marriage pact, in her own sublime greatness” (33).

This bond of charity was the core of the Holy Family's life, first in the poverty of Bethlehem, then in their exile in Egypt, and later in the house of Nazareth. The Church deeply venerates this Family, and proposes it as the model of all families. Inserted directly in the mystery of the Incarnation, the Family of Nazareth has its own special mystery. And in this mystery, as in the Incarnation, one finds a true fatherhood: the human form of the family of the Son of God, formed by the divine mystery. In this family, Joseph is the father. His fatherhood is not one that derives from begetting offspring; but neither is it an “apparent” or merely “substitute” fatherhood. Rather, it is one that fully shares in authentic human fatherhood and the mission of a father in the family. This is a consequence of the hypostatic union: humanity taken up into the unity of the Divine Person of the Word-Son, Jesus Christ. Together with human nature, all that is human, and especially the family—as the first dimension of man's existence in the world—is also taken up in Christ. Within this context, Joseph's human fatherhood was also “taken up” in the mystery of Christ's Incarnation.

On the basis of this principle, the words which Mary spoke to the twelve-year-old Jesus in the Temple take on their full significance: “Your father and I...have been looking for you.” This is no conventional phrase: Mary's words to Jesus show the complete reality of the Incarnation present in the mystery of the Family of Nazareth. From the beginning, Joseph accepted with the “obedience of faith” his human fatherhood over Jesus. And thus, following the light of the Holy Spirit, who gives Himself to human beings through faith, he certainly came to discover ever more fully the indescribable gift that was his human fatherhood.”

# LAETARE SUNDAY VESPERS



JOIN US IN THE CHURCH TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 15, AT 4:00 P.M., as we celebrate Laetare Sunday with CHORAL AND CONGREGATIONAL Vespers and Adoration.

Laetare Sunday—the Fourth Sunday of Lent—takes its name from the opening words of the Latin introit, “Laetare, Jerusalem” (“Rejoice, O Jerusalem”), drawn from Isaiah 66:10. Traditionally, this Sunday marks a moment of joyful respite within the austere season of Lent, inviting the faithful to rejoice in hope even as the journey toward Easter continues.

# THE CARMELITE NUNS THANK YOU!



The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns and their Auxiliary send deep gratitude to you. Our first Fr. Jerome Appeal in 2009 raised about \$19,000; our lowest number was \$15,000, our highest about \$43,000.

Donors continue to send the pink envelopes for four to six months, so it’s not too late. If you don’t have the pink envelope, use any envelope and mark it “Fr. Jerome Appeal.” Thank you for your prayers and financial support for our Cloistered Nuns.

Also, several ladies have responded to my plea for new Auxiliary Board members. The Nuns continue to have many good friends! —Kathy Nally



# LENTEN MISSION



March 16–19, 2026  
with Fr. Mark Kissner, OCD

## Join Us for Our Annual Lenten Mission!

Our Lenten Mission will take place in the church THIS WEEK, on the evenings of March 16 through 19. In this Jubilee Year of St. John of the Cross—marking the 300th anniversary of his canonization and the 100th anniversary of his proclamation as a Doctor of the Church—Fr. Mark will offer reflections on “ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS AND HEALING.”

Each evening will begin with Mass at 7:00 p.m., including Fr. Mark’s reflection, followed by a Holy Hour and Benediction from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

We warmly encourage you to take advantage of this very special spiritual opportunity during the sacred season of Lent.

*Parish Movie Night Presents...*

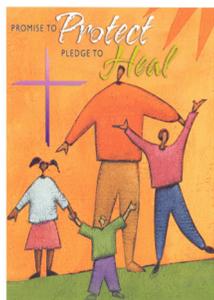
*Jesus of Nazareth*

THE LAST TWO HOURS of  
JESUS OF NAZARETH



JOIN US IN THE HALL AT 6:30 P.M.,  
NEXT SATURDAY, MARCH 21, FOR OUR "BIG  
SCREEN" MOVIE NIGHT! The final two-hour portion of the  
six-hour 1977 miniseries, *JESUS OF NAZARETH*, begins with the  
Last Supper and continues through the Resurrection. It  
concludes with Jesus commissioning His disciples to carry the  
Good News to the world and His enduring promise to remain  
with us "until the end of time." We're confident that watching  
*Jesus of Nazareth* will deepen and enrich your celebration of  
Holy Week. We hope to see **YOU** there!

**SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN**



**DID YOU KNOW?** What to do if a child discloses abuse — Receiving a disclosure of abuse is a huge responsibility—one that must be handled properly to ensure the child's safety.

First and foremost, it is important to remain calm, and to let the child know that you are listening and taking him/her seriously. Give assurance that you believe their words, and that you want to help. As soon as possible, although not while the child is talking to you, take notes and record details, and then report what was disclosed to you to the proper authorities.

For more tips, visit [lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse](http://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse) and read the VIRTUS® article "When a Child Discloses" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know).

**PSALM 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.  
He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Financial Offerings**



February 28 / March 1, 2026

Unrestricted.....	\$11,159.00
Restricted .....	\$ 580.00
<b>T O T A L.....</b>	<b>\$11,739.00</b>

February 7 / 8 .....	\$18,110.00
February 14 / 15 .....	\$19,728.00
February 21 / 22 .....	\$19,157.00
Feb. 28 / March 1 .....	\$31,200.00

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



# SOUP NIGHTS AND STATIONS

Soup Nights are held in the Hall on Fridays during Lent—from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Stations follow in the church at 7:00 p.m.

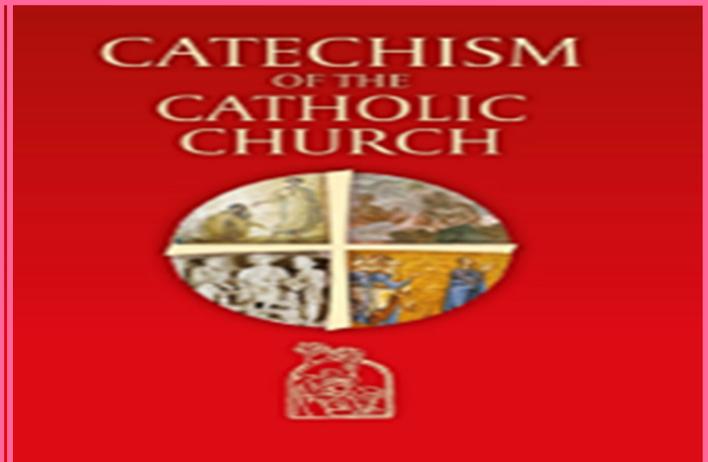
The next Soup Night will be **THIS FRIDAY, March 20**, and will be sponsored by Retrouvaille Marriage Ministry. The final Soup Night before Holy Week will be **March 27**, and will be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

**All donations go to the sponsoring ministries.**

## Catechism Series

Fr. Stephen's next class will be **Tuesday, March 24—from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room**. Each class stands on its own, so you may join at any time.

**All adults are welcome to attend!**



## Missalettes: Parish Property



We kindly remind all parishioners that the **missalettes in the pews belong to St. Therese Parish and are intended for use during Mass only**. Unfortunately a number of copies have gone missing (they cost us \$10 each). **Please do not take them**

**home**, so that everyone may continue to share in their use. If you have any at home, please return them to one of the pews.

Also, **we ask that children not play with the offertory envelopes found in the pews**. They are provided for donations; when they are folded, written on, or used as play items, they must be discarded—resulting in unnecessary expense for the Parish.

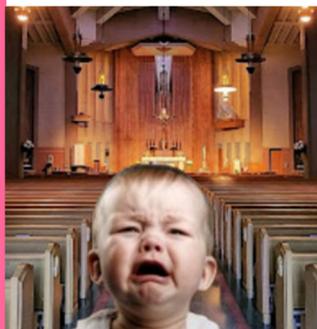
Thank you for your cooperation and care in helping us be good stewards of our Parish resources.

## "Crying Room" in the Church

### A Note for Parents of Babies and Young Children

Especially for those who may be new to the Parish, we would like to remind you that a Crying Room is available in the church. **It is located on the west side of the altar**, with a glass wall on its east side (covered with a sheer curtain), and may be accessed through the door just to the left of the image of the Sacred Heart and the votive candles.

**The Crying Room is intended for the use of families with babies and toddlers, offering a comfortable space while still allowing participation in the liturgy.**



Those who choose to use the room should expect that there may be the sounds of crying or active young children. We are grateful for the presence of families in our Parish and hope this space continues to be a help and support to parents with little ones.



# Saint Therese Carmelite School

Faith  Academics  Virtue



Thank you to all of our students, friars, staff, friends, families, and benefactors who helped make our 2026 Saint Run such a success!

Together we raised over \$24,500 for our School!

May God reward your generosity!

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



**Adoration—Nov 22, 1962:** I was kneeling in silence. ... I was struggling to listen to the Lord's words. The devil, however, was powerless and said: "Now, it will be easy for you. You have slipped away from my claws." I was stunned and could not understand what was going on. It never happened before that I would kneel in silence for hours and meditate deeply, while the devil was so exasperated. Then I perceived the voice of the Blessed Virgin in my heart.

**Mary:** "My little one, you are the first one showered by the effect of my Flame of Love full of grace, and in union with you, I am extending it to all the souls. Whenever someone does adoration in a spirit of atonement or visits the Blessed Sacrament, as long as it lasts, Satan loses his dominion on the parish souls. Blinded, he ceases to reign on souls."

**Reference:** Building on Solid Rock Flame of Love Retreats Session 4 @ <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.

# Mass Intentions

**March 14—March 21, 2026**

**Saturday Evening:**

5:00 p.m.: Ann Maria Thottathil, INT

**Sunday:**

\*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Mary, O.C.D, INT

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Chris Thottathil, INT

11:00 am: Isabel Bruno Castro, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Jack Crow, Jr., & Family INT

5:00 p.m.: Vatche Kouyoumjian B-Day INT

**Monday:**

6:00 a.m.: Angie Hernandez, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Maria Donna Le, INT

8:00 a.m.: John Arellano, Birthday INT

7:00 p.m.: Holly Guest, RIP

**Tuesday: (+No Spanish Mass tonight)**

6 a.m.: John, Helen, & Patrick Hummel, RIP

\*7:30 am: Mark Andrew Perez, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Jaime Doria, RIP

+7:00 p.m.: Angie Hernandez, RIP

**Wednesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Leonel Salgado, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Cynthia Diep & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Stephen Vasari, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Donor's Intention

**Thursday—Feast of St. Joseph:**

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

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

8 am Jose/Julia Munoz & Josefina Rosales, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Donor's Intention

**Friday:**

6:00 a.m.: Peter Grimm, Birthday INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Mr/Mrs Peter Halpin & Fam., INT

8:00 a.m.: Therese Hong Nguyen, RIP

**Saturday Morning**

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

8:00 am: Orlando P. Vales, B-Day INT

**Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel**

**(215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra;**

**Open to the public except 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

For the complete itineraries and applications for each 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.** Direct flight from LAX. Contact: Albert and 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](http://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.

**"If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains"**

**John 9:41**