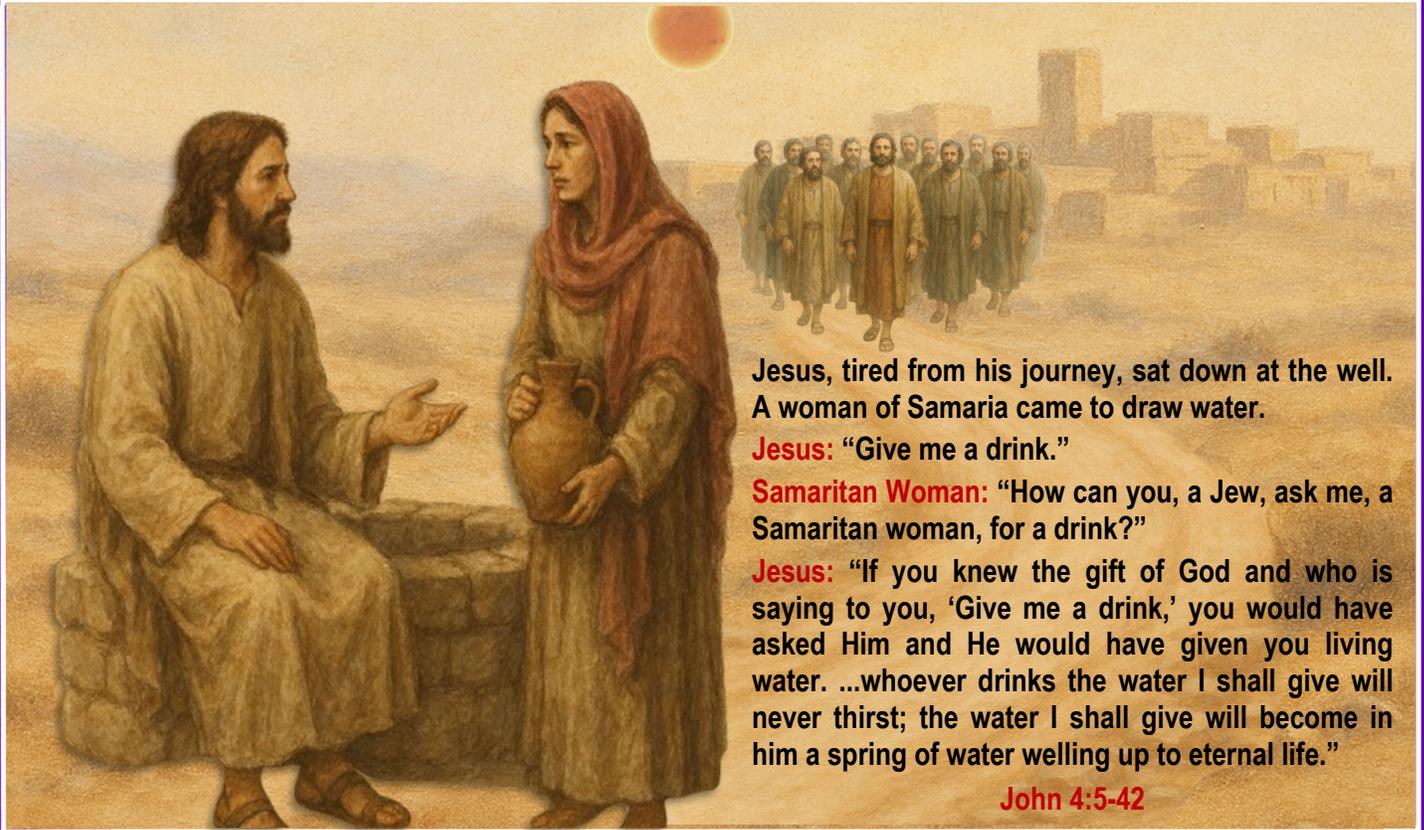




St. Therese Catholic Church



March 8, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org



Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down at the well. A woman of Samaria came to draw water.

Jesus: "Give me a drink."

Samaritan Woman: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"

Jesus: "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water. ...whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 4:5-42

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

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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,

March is the month dedicated to St. Joseph. I especially encourage all of you men, especially those who are fathers, to look to St. Joseph as a role model. We will begin our Parish Novena to St. Joseph on March 11, and it will conclude on the last day of our Lenten Parish Mission on March 19. You are most welcome to participate in both our novena and our Lenten mission!

As a way to learn more about St. Joseph, here are some excerpts from St. John Paul II's Apostolic Exhortation on St. Joseph, *Redemptoris Custos*.

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD



St. John Paul II's Apostolic Exhortation on St. Joseph: *Redemptoris Custos* ("Guardian of the Redeemer")



"The essence and role of the family are, in the final analysis, specified by love. Hence, the family has the mission to guard, reveal, and communicate love; and this is a living reflection of and a real sharing in God's love for humanity and the love of Christ the Lord for the Church, His bride"(18). This being the case, it is in the Holy Family, the original "Church in miniature (Ecclesia domestica)," (19) that every Christian family must be reflected. "Through God's mysterious design, it was in that family that the Son of God spent long years of a hidden life. It is therefore the prototype and example for all Christian families"(20).

St. Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood. It is precisely in this way that, as the Church's Liturgy teaches, he "cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation" and is truly a "minister of salvation"(21). His fatherhood is expressed concretely "in his having made his life a service, a sacrifice to the mystery of the Incarnation and to the redemptive mission connected with it; in having used the legal authority, which was his over the Holy Family, in order to make a total gift of self, of his life and work; in having turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of self, an oblation of his heart, and all his abilities into love, placed at the service of the Messiah growing up in his house" (22).

In recalling that "the beginnings of our redemption" were entrusted "to the faithful care of Joseph"(23), the Liturgy specifies that "God placed Joseph at the head of his family as a faithful and prudent servant, so that with fatherly care he might watch over His only begotten Son"(24). Pope Leo XIII emphasized the sublime nature of this mission: "He among all stands out in his august dignity, since by divine disposition he was guardian and, according to human opinion, father of God's Son. Whence it followed that the *Word of God* was subjected to Joseph; He obeyed him and rendered to him that honor and reverence that children owe to their father" (25).

Since it is inconceivable that such a sublime task would not be matched by the necessary qualities to adequately fulfill it, we must recognize that Joseph showed Jesus, "by a special gift from Heaven, all the natural love, all the affectionate solicitude, that a father's heart can know" (26). The Gospels clearly describe the fatherly responsibility of Joseph toward Jesus. For salvation—which comes through the humanity of Jesus—is realized in actions which are an everyday part of family life, in keeping with that "condescension" which is inherent in the economy of the Incarnation. The Gospel writers carefully show how, in the life of Jesus, nothing was left to chance, but how everything took place according to God's predetermined plan. The oft-repeated formula, "This happened, so that there might be fulfilled..." in reference to a particular event in the Old Testament, serves to emphasize the unity and continuity of the plan which is fulfilled in Christ.

With the Incarnation, the "promises" and "figures" of the Old Testament become "reality." Mary is the Lord's humble servant, prepared from eternity for the task of being the Mother of God. Joseph is the one whom God chose to be the "overseer of the Lord's birth" (27), the one who had the responsibility to look after the Son of God's "ordained" entry into the world, in accordance with divine dispositions and human laws. All of the so-called "private" or "hidden" life of Jesus is entrusted to Joseph's guardianship.

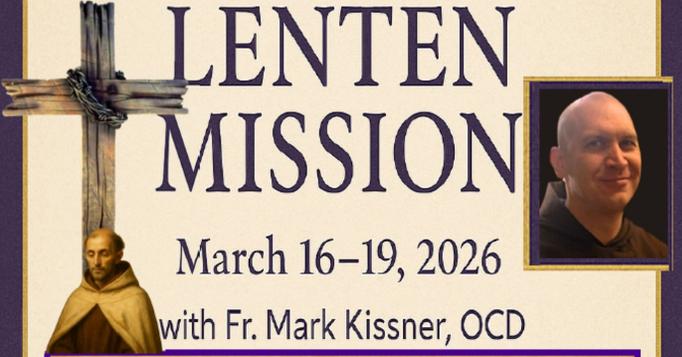
LAETARE SUNDAY VESPERS



JOIN US IN THE CHURCH NEXT 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.



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 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.

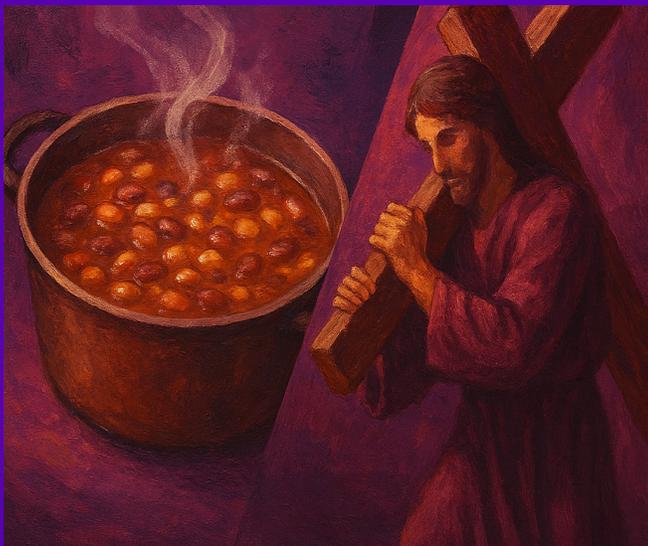
Cor Jesu Youth and Family Night

Friday, March 13



Join us in the Hall as we sponsor Soup Night, along with two other ministries: Deus Vocat and the Lay Missionaries of Charity. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (free-will offerings only).

At 7:00 p.m., we will go to the church for Stations of the Cross. Following the Stations, Fr. Robert will give a talk, and we will end with Adoration and Benediction.



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 13**, and will be sponsored by three ministries: Cor Jesu / Deus Vocat / Lay Missionaries of Charity. The final two weeks' sponsors are on **March 20**: Retrouvaille Marriage Ministry; and **March 27**: The Knights of Columbus.

All donations go to the sponsoring ministries.

Fr. Stephen's Next Class in His Catechism Series

Fr. Stephen's next class will be **THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 10**—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.

Father's topic from the Catechism, **"The Ten Commandments,"** will begin the third part of the Catechism. In it we are taught that "the *Decalogue* is a light offered to the conscience" (CCC§2086), which expresses God's loving will for humanity and forms the foundation of moral life. *The Ten Commandments* reveal how to love God and neighbor, guiding human freedom toward what is good, true, and life-giving (CCC§2067). **All adults are welcome to attend!**

CATECHISM
OF THE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



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.**

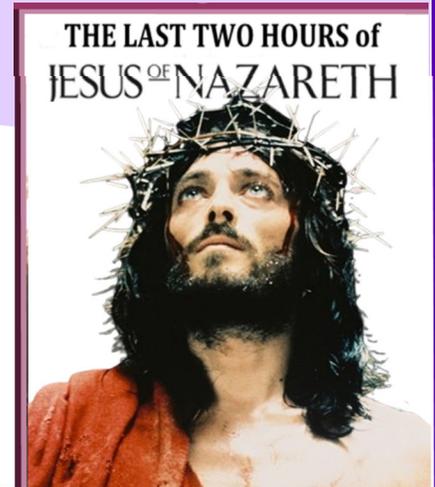
The Crying Room is intended for the use of families with babies and toddlers, offering a comfortable space while still allowing participation in the liturgy.



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.

Parish Movie Night Presents... *Jesus of Nazareth*

**JOIN US IN THE HALL AT 6:30 P.M.,
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 21, FOR OUR "BIG
SCREEN" MOVIE NIGHT!** This 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!



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The online store will be open
through Friday, March 20

It's that time of year again! Family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers love buying sweets to support our students. With "Yum-raising," your friends and family can order and receive their chocolates at home for a small shipping fee. Chocolate boxes also make great gifts for the special people in your lives.

Visit <https://www.yumraising.com/store/spring-2026-stcs-easter-sale-2026-7851/MegDun2321> to place your order and share the link to family and friends.



Financial Offerings



February 28 / March 1, 2026

Unrestricted.....	\$28,895.00
Restricted	\$ 2,305.00
TOTAL.....	\$31,200.00

January 31 / Feb. 1....	\$17,606.00
February 7 / 8	\$18,110.00
February 14 / 15	\$19,728.00
February 21 / 22	\$19,157.00

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

ANNUAL APPEAL FOR THE CLOISTERED CARMELITE NUNS



Please help support our Nuns! The **pink envelopes** are still in the pews for you to make a donation to help provide for their needs and the upkeep of their monastery. The Carmelite

Monastery was instrumental in St. Therese Parish being established. God bless and reward your generosity!

Also, if you are interested in joining the Auxiliary Board or would like more information, please email KathleenNally@yahoo.com.



A Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass

“Do This in Remembrance of Me” - Part 40: The Washing of the Hands



We continue our journey through the Offertory of the Mass. After the gifts are brought forward (and after the incensing when used), you may notice that the priest washes his hands over a dish called a lavabo (meaning, “I shall wash”) and dries them with a towel. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says that this washing is a rite “in which the desire for interior purification finds expression” (*GIRM*, 76).

“In every Mass, a liturgical act is performed, which originally was a response to a practical necessity” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 114). While we no longer need the cleaning today, the understanding of spiritual cleansing is very valuable. As the Diocese of Peoria notes, “the Church maintains this washing ritual as it expresses an inward desire to be cleansed within” (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 12). This desire is very clear when we see the private prayer the priest prays at this washing: “Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.” Although the priest prays this prayer privately, this is another place where all the faithful could unite in prayer, asking God to purify our minds and hearts in anticipation of being in the True Presence of Christ Himself on the altar.

After washing his hands, the priest goes back to the center of the altar, extends his hands, rejoins them, and asks the faithful: “Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.” The faithful then stand to make the response: “May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.” Charles Belmonte writes that “... the priest stresses that the sacrifice is mine (i.e., Christ offers Himself—the aspect of ministerial priesthood) and yours (the entire Church offers the sacrifice—the aspect of common priesthood)” (*Understanding the Mass*, p. 115). The Diocese of Peoria explains, “The Sacrifice of the Mass is not offered by the priest alone. All of us by virtue of our baptism are called upon to offer ourselves to the Father through Christ” (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 12).

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

Mass Intentions

March 7—March 14, 2026

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Val Aclaro & Family, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Maria Nguyen Thi Nhiem, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Jimmy Guangga, RIP

9:00 a.m.: William Molina, RIP

11:00 am: Dorothy Angelina Presthome, RIP

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

5:00 p.m.: Gilberto Gomez, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Anthony Perez, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Teresa Megan Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Robert Kirin, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Apolonia Fernandez, RIP

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

6:00 a.m.: Therese Kalapura, RIP

*7:30 am: Teresa Natalie Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Miguel Uy, Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: Angie Hernandez, RIP

Wednesday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Isaias Diokno, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Gonzalez Family, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Martha Putman, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Maria Trang Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Jose & Julia Munoz, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Engracia P. Vales, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Antonius Maringka, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD, INT

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 am: Abraham Casavi, Birthday INT

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

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.** 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. 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:

+ ENOCH MARTINEZ

Husband of Susana Martinez and Father of Enoch, Jr., Marcia, and Rocio

The funeral services are as follows:

Rosary on March 9 at 5:30 p.m., at Cabot & Sons in Pasadena;

Funeral Mass on March 10 at 10:00 a.m., at Carmel of St. Teresa, 215 E. Alhambra Road, Alhambra.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Carmel of St. Teresa, Discalced Carmelite Nuns, in memory of Enoch Martinez

http://www.carmelteresa.org/

STREET CLEANING DAY. To avoid a ticket, park on the side closest to the monastery.

