



St Therese Catholic Church



June 14, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

Jesus sent out the Twelve after instructing them thus, "Go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel ...and make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give" (Matthew 9:5-8).



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

In Residence: Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD;

Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD (X 1+226); Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD

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SACRAMENTS

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- Weddings: Register online at least six months in advance
- Anointing of the Sick:  Call the office

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PASTOR'S COLUMN



Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,
Happy Belated Feast of the Sacred Heart! June is the month of the Sacred Heart, but this year's celebration is especially important as a historic moment in our country and in our Church in the U.S. As many of you know, we are celebrating the 250th anniversary of our country. To commemorate this, **our U.S. bishops consecrated our country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus last Thursday, June 11.** Archbishop Sample of Portland in Oregon spearheaded this initiative and gave **three main reasons for this historic consecration.**

The **first reason** he gives for this consecration is **"to place our nation under the kingship of Christ."** He goes on to say: "We are a democratic republic; we are a civil society—but no civil society can long endure without being under the Kingship of Christ Himself; to place ourselves under God's providence and care. In the history of our nation, it's undeniable and irrefutable that the Faith—and our reliance on God—really was the foundation that our Founding Fathers placed this nation upon. So at this time, as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, it's to remind all of us that—whatever civil government we might have—we are all under, ultimately, the kingship of Christ."

The **second reason** the Archbishop gives is that **"there's a certain reparation aspect to the Sacred Heart.** I think we can't forget that part of the consecration is to make reparation for offenses against God; against the Heart of Christ. We are a great and blessed nation—but there are mistakes that we have made as a people over these 250 years. And so this is a good time to also make reparation to the Heart of Christ for those offenses against His love, and His mercy, and His justice—for *all* peoples."

The **third and final reason** for this consecration is that **"there's this desire, through this consecration, to also call us to have a greater heart for the poor and the suffering.** As we honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus, it can't be simply a private devotion. It has to move us, and move our hearts. Pope Francis was a man who loved these beautiful, rich devotions we have in the faith, and he wanted to call our attention to the fact that the Heart of Christ is the heart of mercy ... and through the Heart of Jesus, we find healing and reconciliation."

The Archbishop finished by saying: "As the bishops of the United States make the consecration of the whole nation to the Heart of Christ, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we're also encouraging local communities to do the same—especially in our families and in our dioceses. We're sort of doing it on all levels, so to speak, to really make this a meaningful moment in the light of the Church here in this great and blessed land."

—Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D.

ST. THERESE CARMELITE CHURCH

4TH OF JULY

★ CELEBRATION ★

Faith, Family, Freedom

★ LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER! ★

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SATURDAY,
JULY 4, 2026



3:00 PM



IN THE
PARKING LOT



BBQ



WATER
SLIDE

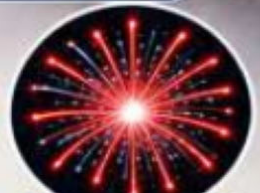
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& CHILDREN



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★ ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Lay Missionaries of Charity Retreat Day
 "Quenching the Infinite Thirst of Jesus on the Cross"
 With Fr. John Hopkins, L.C.
 June 20, 2026




SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

- 9:00—9:30 a.m. Gathering and Morning Prayer
- 9:30 a.m. First talk and silent reflection
- 10:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours | Lauds
- 11:00 a.m. Second talk
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (potluck)
- 12:45 p.m. Third talk
- 1:30 p.m. Rosary
- 2:00 p.m. Mass in the church
- 3:00 p.m. Dismissal



The Carmelite Friars
ST JOHN OF THE CROSS
The Saint of Love
 Saturday, June 27



A Morning of Prayer, Adoration, Talk by Fr. David Guzman, and Benediction

Schedule:
 Mass at 8:00 a.m.
 Exposition • Led Prayer
 Silent Adoration • Conference
 Benediction

St. John of the Cross, known as "The Saint of Love," teaches us that true union with God is achieved through the transformative power of divine love. His writings inspire us to seek a deeper intimacy with God and to embrace the soul's journey toward the fullness of spiritual love.

Join us as Fr. David Guzman explores the profound wisdom of St. John of the Cross and the beauty of loving God with all our hearts.

— DEUS VOCAT'S —
Day of Prayer and Reflection for Vocations
 "What is Your State of Life?"



July 25, 2026
 St. Therese Parish Hall
 9:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

SCHEDULE

Welcome and Introduction
 Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD
 Talks on:

- The Priesthood and Diaconate
- Marriage and Family Life
- Single and Consecrated Life
- Religious Life

Lunch
 Confessions
 Vocation Rosary
 Panel of Speakers

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"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly... singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."
 — Colossians 3:16

For more information:
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CATHOLIC PRO-LIFE TEEN LEADERSHIP CAMP

AGES 13-19

TOPICS & ACTIVITIES

- Catholic Apologetics
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- Outdoor Games
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The Flame of Love: The Greatest Gift of Grace for Our Time



“The grace from the Flame of Love of My Mother’s Immaculate Heart will be to your generation what Noah’s Ark was to his generation.” —Jesus to Elizabeth Kindelmann, (Third Order Carmelite)

A Continual Sense of Repentance

July 15, 1962: Jesus: “Bring your frailties to Me; do not think this has no merit. I know you very well. The most hidden corner of your soul is an open book for Me. I hope that you can recognize your deficiencies. In this way they become

meritorious.”

– “O Jesus, I want to repent of my sins as no one has ever repented before. All the beatings of my heart are nothing. How many grains of dust are in the world? In every one, I place the sorrow of my heart so that the wind takes them to you in reparation for my innumerable sins.” When I was sorry in this way, Jesus was very touched, and with a sweet voice,

Jesus said: “I place the smallest part of a single drop of My Blood over your great sorrow. I forgive your sins fully and I forget them. Offer this profound repentance for all the sinners.”

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



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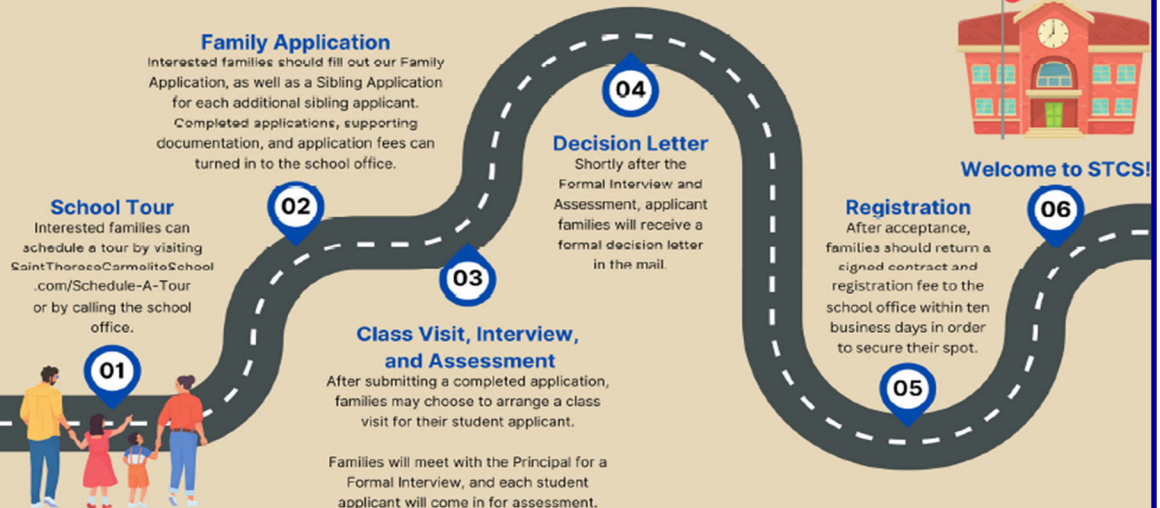
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First-Person Perspectives on the Mission of the Twelve (Matthew 9:36—10:8)

JESUS: I stood upon the rise and looked out over them. They came in clusters and in lines—some hurried, some wandering, some carried by others. Their garments were worn thin, their eyes restless, searching. I could see the weight they carried, though many could not name it. They moved as those who had lost their way long ago but had not stopped hoping to find it again.

At the sight of them, my heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. I felt their hunger—not for bread alone, but for belonging, for truth, for peace that would not vanish with the setting sun. Each face was known to me. Each wound, each silent cry, each long night. None were hidden.

Then I turned to the Twelve—the ones who had been walking beside me, the ones who had listened, who had watched, who had begun to see. “The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” As I spoke, I looked at them one by one.

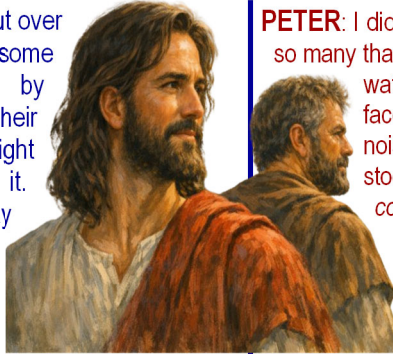
Simon, called Peter—impulsive, yet like a rock beneath the shifting sands. Andrew, steady and inviting. James and John, fire and thunder learning to be light. Philip, always seeking to understand. Bartholomew, quiet and true. Thomas, who would wrestle his way into faith. Matthew, once counting coins, now counting graces. James, son of Alphaeus, faithful in small things. Thaddeus, whose questions opened doors. Simon from Cana, zealous and fierce. And Judas who, even then, I called him close.

I summoned them all, drawing them nearer. What I received from the Father, I entrusted to them—not as something to hold tightly, but as something to give freely. Authority was not for elevating themselves, but for lifting others. I gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. I watched as the weight of this calling settled upon them—some with wonder, some with trembling, some not yet understanding fully what they carried.

Then I sent them. Not to distant lands, not yet. Not to places that would not recognize the voice. But to those who were already near and still lost. I told him, “Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: ‘The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.’ Then, ‘Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.’”

I did not send them alone. Even as they walked away in pairs and small groups, stepping into dusty roads and uncertain welcomes, my gaze remained upon them. I knew the doors that would open... and the ones that would close. I knew the joy that would astonish them and the resistance that would test them. But more than anything, I knew this: They would begin to see what I see. They would touch the broken and not turn away. They would speak hope into places long forgotten. They would give as they had received—freely, without measure.

And as they went, the harvest had already begun.



PETER: I did not understand at first. We had seen the crowds before—so many that they pressed in on every side. But that day was different. I watched Him as He looked over them, and something in His face held me still. He did not see them as we did. Where I saw noise and need and confusion, He saw each one, as if they stood alone before Him. And He saw this with eyes of *compassion!* It was so strong, it almost felt like sorrow.

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus’ heart was moved with pity because they were troubled and abandoned. I was ready to move them along, to restore order and protect Him. But instead, He opened Himself to them.

Then He turned to us. Not to the crowds—but to us. He said, “*The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.*” I thought He meant others—stronger, wiser men than we were. Not fishermen who still smelled of salt and fish. But then He called us closer. Called me by name. I stepped forward without thinking—as I always did—but something felt different. There was weight in that moment, though I could not name it.

He looked at each of us. Andrew—my brother, who had brought me to Him in the first place. James and John, their fire barely contained. Matthew, still carrying the shadow of his old life. Thomas, watching everything. Even at Judas—though He knew what he would do. He did not skip a single one of us.

Then He gave us something I would never have dared to ask for. I felt it not in my hands first—but in my chest. Like courage I did not own. Like strength that was not mine. *Authority!* Not to rule or conquer, but authority to set people free. Authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. I remember thinking, “This cannot be for me!” And yet, He did not take it back.

Then came the words that changed everything—not just *what* we would do, but *where* we would go, and *who* we would be: “*Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*” He added, “*As you go, make this proclamation: ‘The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.’*” Then He said that **we** were to cure the sick, raise the dead, and drive out demons! Matthew, who wrote down everything He said, confirmed to me that those were His words—or I would have thought I heard wrong.

He also said, “*Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.*” That struck me hard. Because I knew how I held on to things—my boat, my trade, my way of doing things, even my place beside Him. And now He was asking us to give away what we ourselves barely understood.

We did not leave all at once. We were twelve men not ready for such a task, but twelve men being made ready as we stood there. I looked at Andrew. He gave me that quiet nod of his—the same one he gave me when he first said, “*We have found Him.*” I did not feel ready, but I did feel called. So, I went. The road stretched out before us—dusty, uncertain, leading into towns we did not know, toward people who did not expect us.

And yet, for the first time, I began to see what He saw. A man lying by the roadside—I might once have passed him by. Now, I stopped. A voice crying out in torment—I might have stepped back. Now, I stepped forward. My hands trembled the first time I reached out to heal. My voice faltered the first time I spoke His words aloud, but His authority held. I began to understand: He had not sent us because we were ready. He had sent us because they were waiting.

And because what He had given us...was never meant to be kept.

Mass Intentions

June 13—June 20, 2026

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:

5:00 p.m.: Atlas Chambliss, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 am: Peter & Monica Grimm, 29th Anniv.

7:30 am: Felix Yzaguirre, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Charlotte Lansberg, B-Day INT

11:00 am: Katelynn Torres, INT

1:00 p.m.: Dennissee Sookhan, B-Day INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Vincent & Alicia Maldonado, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Frances, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Sy Su & Atana Cid Sy Su, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Katelynn Torres, 15th Bday INT

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

6:00 a.m.: Carmen M. Diaz, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Albert J. Shower, Sr., RIP

7:15 p.m.: Omar Osorio, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Kwai Hang Lau, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Jesus Ramirez, RIP

8:00 am: Jose Munoz & Felipe Romero, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: CiCi Mao, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Faustina Mary, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Albert Grimm, 15th B-Day INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: The Mao Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Anita Herrera, RIP

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Therese Hong Nguyen, 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 soul of:
+ Akasia Minamoto (Wife of Tommy Minamoto)
Funeral: Sat., June 20, at 12:30 p.m.