

St. Therese Catholic Church

Est. 1924



Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

July 7, 2024 510 North El Molino Street | Alhambra CA 91801 | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org



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

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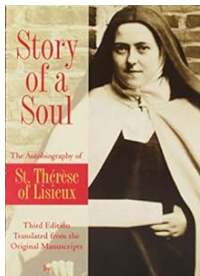
See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page
or on the Church's website >Our School > Videos



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,

I hope you all had a good Fourth of July!

Let us resume learning more about our exalted patroness, St. Thérèse, in this Centennial year of our Parish. **Below are some quotes from her biography, *Story of a Soul*, about her father's illness and the time she received the habit, each followed by an explanation.**

"The Depths of Treasures Hidden in the Holy Face." Devotion to the Holy Face developed in the 19th century following revelations made by Our Lord to Sister Marie de Saint-Pierre of the Tours Carmel. From the beginning of her religious life, Thérèse was initiated into this devotion by Sister Agnes of Jesus. She then deepened it in a very personal way by using texts from the prophet Isaiah, mainly at the time of her father's illness. On January 10, 1889, the day she took the habit, she signed an image for the first time: "Sister Thérèse of the Child Jesus of the Holy Face." She was the first at the Carmel of Lisieux to choose this title.

What should be known about her father, Louis Martin, is that he was going to suffer from a real disease. Indeed, in the spring of 1887, Louis' health experienced a first serious alert: an attack of paralysis in one leg. A year later, worrying symptoms appeared: memory loss, distractions, forgetfulness. He who was always impeccably dressed sometimes appeared in a neglected outfit. In June 1888, he left the house without warning and disappeared for several days. He was found in Le Havre four days later. Circulation problems caused screams, tears, and senseless words, alternated with periods of remission when Mr. Martin made plans. Today, doctors agree that Louis Martin suffered from cerebral arteriosclerosis with a flare-up of uremia. He died on July 29, 1894.

"Papa had just made a donation to God of an altar." Mr. Martin himself paid for the high altar in Saint-Pierre Cathedral in Lisieux, when the first appeal was made for donations; he demanded secrecy about his gesture.

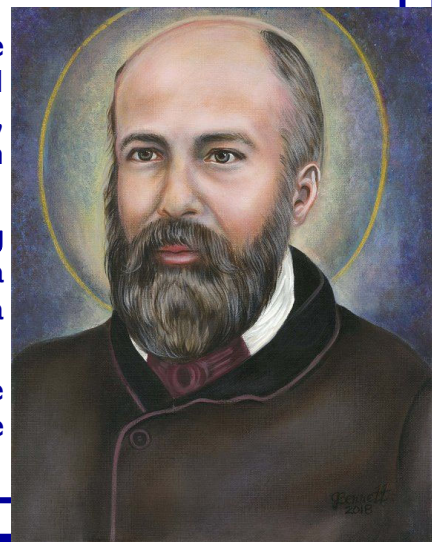
"...giving me the Habit without my going outside the cloister." On the day Thérèse received the habit, the postulant came out of the cloister dressed as a bride. She took part in the outdoor ceremony surrounded by her family.

"The statue of the little Jesus." This was a statue of the Child Jesus painted in pink that Thérèse was appointed to take care of and adorn until her death.

"Papa's glory of a day was followed by a painful passion." The linking of Mr. Martin's trial with the Passion of Christ would gradually become an identification with Isaiah's Suffering Servant, whom Thérèse would discover the following year, that is to say in 1890.

"Our dear Father would drink the most bitter and most humiliating of all chalices." On February 12, Mr. Martin was transferred to a nursing home in Caen, following hallucinations that had taken on a disturbing form for those around him.

"I was still the happiest of creatures." As she often does, Thérèse weaves here the most contradictory impressions to describe the state of heroic love that fills her heart.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL



We will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on **Tuesday, July 16**, preceded by three days of special Masses in preparation (**July 13 and 14 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass and July 15 at the 7:15 p.m. Mass**).

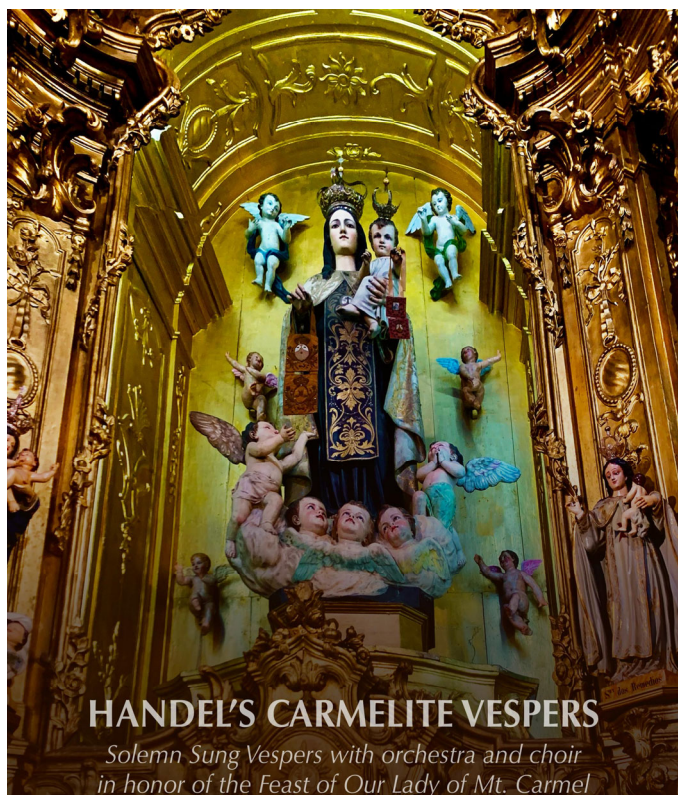
Preceding the 7:15 p.m. Mass on the feast, there will be an outdoor procession culminating with the Mass (more details next Sunday!).

If you have not yet been enrolled in the Brown Scapular, please bring one to the evening Mass.

There will be a collection at the evening Mass on July 16 for the Carmelite Seminary Fund.

VESPERS FOR OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL

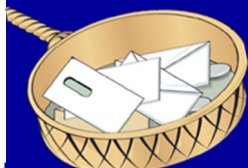
On Sunday, July 14, at 7:30 p.m., in the church, Credo Catholic Choir (with music director Charlotte Lansberg) and friends will sing a Solemn Vespers with Baroque orchestra, incorporating portions of Handel's settings of three Vespers' psalms (Dixit Dominus, Laudate Pueri, and Nisi Dominus) commissioned in 1707 in Rome for the Carmelite Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The antiphons and selected verses will be chanted in Latin, and the Magnificat will be chanted and sung in polyphony.



Don't miss these special days of celebration to honor Our Lady!

HANDEL'S CARMELITE VESPERS
Solemn Sung Vespers with orchestra and choir in honor of the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Financial Offerings



June 29 / 30, 2024

Unrestricted..... \$10,879.00
Restricted \$ 355.00
T O T A L.....\$11,234.00

June 1 / 2 \$18,593.00
June 8 / 9 \$19,124.00
June 15 / 16 \$13,970.00
June 22 / 23 \$19,061.00

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

COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GIFT COUNTER AFTER MASSES

ST. THERESE CENTENNIAL MERCHANDISE will be sold at the tables in front of the church following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses.

Item Design / Color	Sizes Available	Price Each
<u>Tee</u> - St. Therese Centennial – White or Black	S / M / L / XL / 2XL	\$15
<u>Tee</u> - 100 Years – White	S / M / L / XL	\$15
<u>Tee</u> - St. Therese Parish — Full Print	2XL	\$30
<u>Hoodie</u> – Carmelite Crest – White or Sand	S / M / L / XL	\$40



*While
Supplies
Last!*



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS' FIREWORKS STAND IS NOW OPEN!



Conveniently located in the parking lot of SMART AND FINAL, 725 East Main Street, Alhambra, the Knights of Columbus FIREWORKS TNT STAND is just a short distance away!

Purchase your celebratory fireworks and show your support! Booth hours are: 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. every day—from now through Thursday, July 4. You are encouraged to come early and come often *for your big bang boxes!*

"LET ME INTRODUCE YOU..." By Fr. Stephen F. Watson OCD



"Is there such an hour as four in the morning?!" asked the lady from New York when informed by the head cowboy that everyone had to be up at that time to get ready to move the cows upcountry. **Helda Yu** gets up at four in the morning *every* Friday to go to the Flower Market in downtown Los Angeles. Why does she do it? This is her story.

Helda, whose Chinese name is Chaochaing, was born in Lanzhou in 1947. Situated near China's geographical center along the Yellow River, Lanzhou was a major link along the ancient Silk Road, a network of Eurasian trade routes. The Yu family, originally from the coastal area, moved to Lanzhou during the Japanese occupation in the time of World War II. In 1949, the family relocated to Taiwan. The Yus are a Catholic family. In fact, one of Helda's relatives was Cardinal Paul Yu Pin, Archbishop of Nanjing, and later rector of Fu Jen Catholic University in Taiwan.

After completing her undergraduate studies in horticulture—with an emphasis on plant pathology—at Chung Hsing University in Taiwan, Helda came to California to continue her studies at the University of California in Irvine. Founded in 1965, UC Irvine was still new and felt far away from anything. Helda was alone without a car and didn't know where the local Catholic Church was. Consequently, she drifted from the practice of the Faith. She earned a master's degree in biochemistry from UC Irvine and then continued her studies at the University of Southern California, where she was awarded a Doctor of Pharmacy degree (PharmD). By then, she was living at her present home in Montebello.

Helda began going to Mass regularly at St. Thomas Aquinas and then at Miraculous Medal. In the Jubilee Year 2000, Helda went on a pilgrimage to Lourdes and Rome and attended the October 1, 2000, Mass celebrated by Pope St. John Paul II at which the Martyrs of China were canonized.

In 2010, Helda attended a retreat in Valyermo on Pope St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*. After this retreat, she began going to St. Therese's Adoration Chapel. It was not only an excellent place to pray, but it was also a good place to meditate and reflect on the book she was reading about the theology of the body. Soon, she began to attend daily Mass at St. Therese. In 2013, seeing the church's need for a florist, Helda started helping with the flower arrangements for the Sunday Masses and for the former "floral dedication" program, whereby someone could pay for and dedicate flowers. It was a perfect ministry for her as she has a Master's Certificate from the Ohara School of Ikebana. To get the freshest flowers that will last the whole week, Helda goes to the L.A. flower market at 4:30 a.m. on Friday mornings; she then arranges them in the "flower room" off of the church sacristy. Except for the time during Covid 19, she has been doing this for over ten years. Helda says that the flower market offers many varieties so she can display different flowers each week. She adds that flowers "enable us to 'sing a new song to the Lord.'" **(You are most welcome to donate to the Altar Society to help pay for these flowers. In fact, you are most welcome to join the Altar Society!)**

Helda lives in the same condominium complex as her two older sisters, Maria and Teresa (each sister lives in her own unit). Their father, an aeronautical engineer trained in France, died in 1986 in the African country, Ivory Coast (also known as Côte d'Ivoire), while overseeing the construction of a hardware factory. After his death, Helda brought her aging mother from Taiwan to live with her; Mrs. Yu has since passed away. Both her parents are buried in the crypt of Our Lady of the Angels, the Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

The next time you see the beautiful flower arrangements for the Sunday Mass, think of Helda and how she climbed out of bed at four in the morning the previous Friday for the love of the Lord and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Perhaps say a prayer for her! Oh, and check out Faron Young's song, *It's Four in the Morning* (released in 1971): *"I've never deserved her, God knows when I hurt her, that's the last thing that I want to do."*

The Yu Family is part of the rich 100-year history of St. Therese Parish.
Let us all walk with St. Therese as we journey together in faith during our Centennial year.

Saint Therese Carmelite School

Deeply rooted in Carmelite spirituality, Saint Therese Carmelite School, united with our parents who are the primary educators of their children, seeks to form students in faith, academics, and virtue through a Classical education.



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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*"Could you not watch
one hour with me?"*



"O Godhead hid, devoutly I adore Thee, Who truly art within the forms before me; To Thee my heart I bow with bended knee, As failing quite in contemplating Thee.." From EUCCHARISTIC HYMN ADORO TE DEVOTE

– St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 - March 7, 1274)

St. Thomas Aquinas is one of the greatest of Catholic philosophers and theologians. He was also one of the supreme advocates of Eucharistic devotion and exponents of the nature of the mysterious process by which the host becomes the Body and Blood of Christ. Indeed, St. Thomas not only explained transubstantiation, but he also provided for the first time the word for it. When a new feast of (the Body of Christ) was added to the Church calendar in 1264, St. Thomas wrote the liturgy for it.

Near the end of St. Thomas's life, after completing his treatise on the Eucharist, he was seen praying in the chapel at the Dominican Friary in Naples. His confreres saw him lifted into the air and heard a voice coming from the crucifix saying, "Thou has written well of me, Thomas, what reward will thou have?" He replied, "Nothing but you, Lord."

Be a Committed Adorer: Make a commitment to spend an hour or more every week with Our Lord in our Adoration Chapel! Go to <https://adorationpro.org/theresecca> to sign up.



Mass Intentions

July 6—July 13, 2024

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: D. Allison, INT

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Raymond Bueno, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Erika Saucillo, INT

9:00 a.m.: Teresa Olivas, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Thomas Muniz, RIP

1 pm (Latin): David Tuan, INT

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

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Helda Yu, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Felicita Gomez, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Helmut Tittmann, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Fermin De Jesus, RIP

Tuesday

6:00 a.m.: Kim Ki Chul, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Elizabeth Cristina, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Alejandra Voyatzis, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Martha Carbajal, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Park Ho Soon Maria, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Marylou Workman, RIP

Thursday

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Joseph Sapida & Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Juliana Goh, INT

8:00 a.m.: Tomas Gonzalez, RIP

Friday

6:00 a.m.: Armando Rongavilla, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Frances & Bob Meyer, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Teresita De Jesus Gonzalez, RIP

Saturday (Morning):

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community
and Luna Soriano INT

8:00 a.m.: Nina David, INT

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite
Chapel (located at 215 East
Alhambra Road, Alhambra).**

**Open to the public except on
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

OUR LADY OF CHAMPION (approved Apparition) **PILGRIMAGE** with Saint Therese Parish's **Father David**: to visit the Shrines of Wisconsin, **AUGUST 10-16, 2024**. This is a Spiritual Retreat Pilgrimage including visits to Our Lady of Champion Shrine and our Carmelite Holy Hill Basilica. Two additional groups flying out of San Francisco and Tucson will be joining us on this fabulous journey. The per person/double occupancy total rate is \$2348 (from LAX). We will visit various Shrines of Our Lady, including Holy Hill Basilica and the Carmelite Nuns Cloister in Denmark, WI. Pick up a Pilgrimage Flyer for more information or email denisekay@hotmail.com.

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE TO FRENCH CANADA: St. Joseph Oratory, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Anne Beaupre, Cathedral -Basilica of Notre-Dame, and more... **August 23-30, 2024**. LAX to Montreal, Cost: \$3250 double occupancy (\$150 off for early bird discount by April 15th). For more information contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186 Or go to: www.SacredHeartTours.com.



**Our eyes are fixed on the LORD,
pleading for His MERCY.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 123:1-2, 2, 3-4

Personal Ad

Parishioner would like to purchase a used sectional set in good condition. If you have one for sale, please call Maria at (626) 416-5703.