



St. Therese Catholic Church



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Solemnity of the Holy Trinity

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.

CONFESIONS: 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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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,

The great feasts following the Easter season are upon us! **Today, Sunday, June 15, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity** and in the coming weeks we will have the Solemnities of Corpus Christi and the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Today is also **Father's Day**. So, I would like to share a section from **Pope St. John Paul II's Apostolic Exhortation on St. Joseph called *Redemptoris Custos***. This is the section on St. Joseph and Fatherhood.



—Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.

"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 him 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). Besides fatherly authority over Jesus, God also gave Joseph a share in the corresponding love, the love that has its origin in the Father 'from whom every family in Heaven and on earth is named' (Eph. 3:15). 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': places, persons, events, and rites interrelate according to precise divine commands communicated by angels and received by creatures who are particularly sensitive to the voice of God. 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 has 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.

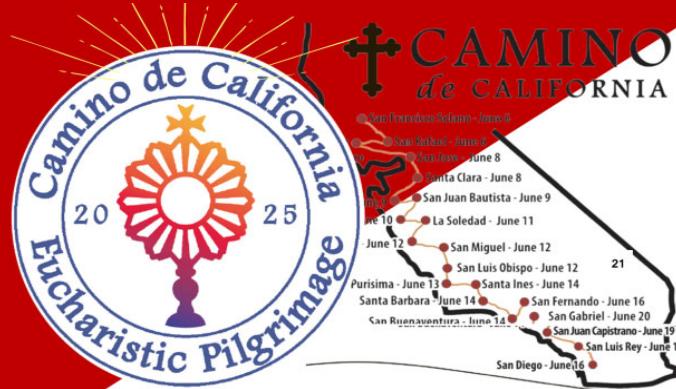
"How much the family of today can learn from this! 'The essence and role of the family are in the final analysis specified by love. Hence, the family has the mission to guard, reveal, and communicate love, and this is a living reflection of and a real sharing in God's love for humanity and the love of Christ the Lord for the Church, His Bride.' This being the case, it is in the Holy Family, the original 'Church in miniature (*Ecclesia domestica*),' 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.'

FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST! TO WELCOME THE CAMINO PILGRIMS NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025



The Camino de California Eucharistic Pilgrims—at the end of their journey of traveling with the Blessed Sacrament to all 21 California missions—will be the guests of St. Therese's guests at our 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 22, the Feast of Corpus Christi. Following the Mass, there will be an outdoor Eucharistic Procession, and then a Pancake Breakfast in the Hall.

Thanks to the Knights' generosity, this Pancake Breakfast is free to not only the pilgrims but also to ALL who attend Mass that morning (breakfast is AFTER the 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. Masses).



This summer Camino de California Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be traveling with the Blessed Sacrament as they visit all 21 historic missions throughout the State of California. The Camino de California is an independently organized effort, distinct from the National Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage.

On Saturday, June 21, they will visit San Gabriel Mission and Sacred Heart Retreat House. The next day, Sunday, June 22, the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), they will attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese, followed by an outdoor Eucharistic Procession and then by a Pancake Breakfast in the Hall.

This FREE Pancake Breakfast will be sponsored by the Alhambra Knights of Columbus In honor of the pilgrims. All Parishioners may attend after any of our morning Masses (7:30, 9:00, and 11:00).

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THE PILGRIMAGE,
GO TO: <https://www.caminodecalifornia.org/>

DEUS VOCAT - Winner of the Father's Day Raffle (Also... Religious Goods Sale... AND ... Sign-Ups to Host Pilgram Statue)



Our Vocation Ministry, Deus Vocat, has been giving out free raffle tickets to win a \$50 Home Depot gift card for Father's Day. Stop by

their table in front of the church

(after today's 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. Masses) to find out who the winner is.

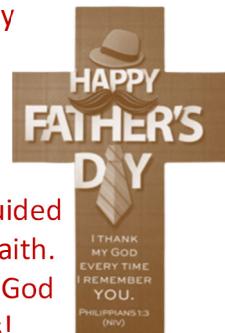
They are also selling religious gift items AND taking sign-ups to host the St. Therese Pilgrim statue for one week in parishioners' homes.



Happy Father's Day!

We extend warm Father's Day

blessings to all fathers—biological fathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, godfathers, grandfathers, uncles, spiritual fathers, and all men who have guided others with love, strength, and faith. Today, we honor you and thank God for your presence in our lives!



A Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father, Bless all those who take on the role of father in our lives. Grant them wisdom, patience, and courage to lead their families in love and truth. May they be strengthened by the example of St. Joseph, the protector of the Holy Family, and may they always be a source of encouragement and stability. Reward them for their sacrifices and fill their hearts with peace and joy. Amen.

"Heaven in the Soul: Celebrating the Holy Trinity"

Celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity honors the central mystery of our Christian faith: that God is one in essence but three divine Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. While belief in the Trinity is rooted in Scripture and defined in the early Church's creeds, this feast was officially added to the liturgical calendar by Pope John XXII in the 14th century, becoming a day for the Church to meditate on the unity and diversity of the Triune God.



The Carmelite Order, deeply contemplative, holds a special reverence for the Trinity. **St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, a Carmelite nun and mystic, once wrote,** *"It seems to me I have found my Heaven on earth, since Heaven is God, and God is in my soul. The day I understood that, everything became clear to me."* She longed to live "her heaven" by dwelling continually in the presence

of the Father, Son, and Spirit. Another Carmelite, St. Teresa of Ávila, described prayer as "an intimate sharing between friends," and always began her spiritual reflections by invoking all three divine Persons.

The Trinity is not just a doctrine to be understood—it is a mystery to be entered into. Each time we make the Sign of the Cross, we proclaim this sacred mystery and draw strength from it. On this feast, let us not only adore the Triune God but open our hearts to live in deeper communion with the Father who created us, the Son who redeemed us, and the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us.

Safeguard the Children

DID YOU KNOW? Body safety information for young children: Children should know the difference between "okay" and "not okay" or "good" and "bad" touches—touches that are welcome and comforting, and those that are intrusive, unwanted, painful, or uncomfortable. Children should know that they have the right to say "no" to being touched, even to adults, and that no children or adults should touch their private parts unless in very

specific circumstances, and for a healthy purpose. This is where it can be helpful to discuss "safe adults," like doctors, who check our bodies to help keep us healthy, and only in the presence of a parent or trusted adult. For more information on safety rules for very young children, read the VIRTUS® article "Sharing Developmental, Age-Appropriate Information with Children" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



Fr. Justin Ramos' THIRTIETH Anniversary of Priesthood

CONGRATULATIONS, FR. JUSTIN!

Fr. Justin Ramos, O.Praem., the Norbertine priest who celebrates Mass here at the 1:00 p.m. Latin Rite Mass, is celebrating his **30th ordination anniversary today, June 15, at the 1:00 p.m. Mass.** It will be a special Solemn High Mass.

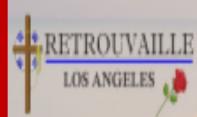
Following the Mass, all are invited to the Guadalupe Courtyard for a reception in Fr. Justin's honor! (enter through the door next to the Adoration Chapel).



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6 Stages of the Admissions Process

Family Application

Interested families should fill out our Family Application, as well as a Sibling Application for each additional sibling applicant. Completed applications, supporting documentation, and application fees can be turned in to the school office.

School Tour

Interested families can schedule a tour by visiting SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com/Schedule-A-Tour or by calling the school office.

01



Class Visit, Interview, and Assessment

After submitting a completed application, families may choose to arrange a class visit for their student applicant.

Families will meet with the Principal for a Formal Interview, and each student applicant will come in for assessment.

02

03

Decision Letter

Shortly after the Formal Interview and Assessment, applicant families will receive a formal decision letter in the mail.

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Welcome to STCS!

Registration

After acceptance, families should return a signed contract and registration fee to the school office within ten business days in order to secure their spot.

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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*

Practices of the Flame of Love: The whole life of the Flame of Love is about pouring our lives out for others in union with Jesus (I John 3:16).

December 1, 1965: Just as I was meditating on how to imitate the example of the saints, the Lord Jesus began to instruct me.

Jesus: "My little one, you can see why, from the very beginning, I asked you to renounce yourself... Do not spare any effort, My little one, know no limit. Do not remove yourself from My work of Redemption for even one instant... This is how you can imitate the saints. On this, all the cooperators in My work of Redemption agree, no matter the circumstances of their lives. I do not change this

condition for anyone called to follow Me: let him take up his cross and follow Me. Now you can see that there is not one saint that you cannot imitate. It is sure that I place you in different circumstances, but the requirement is one and the same... Is it not simple, My Elizabeth, to follow in My footsteps? I do it that way so that no one will feel rejected nor consider My request impossible to accomplish."

Reference: Building on Solid Rock Flame of Love Retreats Session 4 @ <https://flameoflove.us/building-on-solid-rock/>

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 for the Feast of the Sacred Heart



The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be on **Friday, June 27**. To honor Our Lord on that special day, we will celebrate an **extra Mass that evening at 7:15 p.m.** All are encouraged to attend and unite your hearts to the Heart of Jesus, especially during this time of Eucharistic Revival.

This Feast is a perfect opportunity to renew our love and trust in the One who said, ***"Behold this Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself, in order to testify its love."***

The month of June is traditionally dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This dedication gained universal prominence in the 17th century after Jesus appeared in a series of visions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French Visitation nun. She had her first vision of Jesus in December 1673. These visions continued for 18 months, with other apparitions occurring between 1674 and 1675. The most important apparition took place on June 16, 1675, when He asked for a feast to be established in honor of His Sacred Heart, promising blessings for those who would honor Him in this way.

The Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart:

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in My Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of My Heart is exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart.
12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in My disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.



Financial Offerings



June 7 / 8, 2025

Unrestricted.....	\$12,354.00
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T O T A L.....	\$15,209.00

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May 31 / June 1	\$15,339.00

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Mass Intentions

June 14—June 21, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Ariana Lanier, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 am: Carmel of St Teresa, INT

7:30 a.m.: Ed Morales, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Katelynn Torres, Birthhday INT

11:00 a.m.: Ethan Lou Revelo, Birthday INT

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Gilbert Holman, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 1

*7:30 am: Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, INT

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

7:15 p.m.: Denise Sookhan, Birthday INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 2

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

8:00 am: Jose Munoz, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Virgilio Lopez, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 3

7:30 a.m.: Sr. Cecelia, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Albert Grimm, 14th Birthday INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Lillian Teng, INT

7:30 a.m.: Dorca Sanchez, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 4

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 5

7:30 am: All Souls in Purgatory

8:00 a.m.: Peter Meier, INT

Saturday Morning

7:30 a.m.: Cloistered Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Father's Day Novena 6

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

(Open to the public except holidays)
except on Sundays and some 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

"JUBILEE OF HOPE" PILGRIMAGE TO ALABAMA! SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT AND EWTN, home of Mother Angelica, July 15-23, 2025, with Fr. Huy Nguyen. Daily Mass with the Poor Claire cloistered nuns, a healing service and spiritual talks by the Franciscan friars, a visit to the Pope St. John Paul II Eucharistic Museum, a rosary procession to a replica of Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto and the Stations of the Eucharist. We'll attend a world-wide televised Mass at EWTN and so much more! Enjoy peace and tranquility along with fun, fellowship, and great southern hospitality. For more info please contact Albert and Mary Helen Estrada: (626) 533-4839. Limited spots available.

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE, AND ITALY with Fr. Julius Ntalo, OCD: Join this 14-day pilgrimage from July 11 to 24, 2025, to all four countries listed in the title. For more info and to receive an itinerary, contact ABM Tours at 310-514-3323 or 408-903-6305 or maddatubeth2@gmail.com. See more info at abmtours.com.

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE (JUBILEE 2025) TO ITALY - Rome, Naples & Florence - AUGUST 25 - SEPTEMBER 2—Roundtrip non-stop flight from LA to Rome on Norse Atlantic Airways in Premium Classic, six nights at well-located historic and comfortable city-center accommodations with private bath and AC. Daily Holy Mass, breakfast & dinner. \$4280 (double rm. occupancy) from LAX / +\$395 single room supplement. For itinerary, contact: Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186 or call Sacred Heart Tours at 1-845-594-2222 (P.O. Box 384 - Burton, TX 77835).

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