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St. Therese Catholic Church



August 24, 2025 | 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

"Strive to Enter Through the Narrow Gate..."

"I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!"

And people will...recline at table in the Kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last" (Luke 13:24).

MASSSES | 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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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,

After reading our Holy Father's words published in last week's bulletin—spoken by Pope Leo at this year's Jubilee Day for Youth—it calls to mind the great address Pope St. John Paul II gave at World Youth Day 25 years ago during the last Jubilee Year of the Church—a message still so pertinent and resonant today! Below is a portion of that address.

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD



Dear Friends,

To believe in Jesus today—to follow Him as Peter, Thomas, and the first Apostles and witnesses did—demands of us, just as it did in the past, that we take a stand for Him, almost to the point at times of a new martyrdom: the martyrdom of those who, today as yesterday, are called to go against the tide in order to follow the divine Master, to follow “the Lamb wherever He goes” (Rev. 14:4). It is not by chance, dear young people, that I wanted the witnesses to the Faith in the twentieth century

to be remembered at the Coliseum during this Holy Year.

Perhaps you will not have to shed your blood, but you will certainly be asked to be faithful to Christ! A faithfulness to be lived in the circumstances of everyday life: I am thinking of how difficult it is in today's world for engaged couples to be faithful to purity before marriage. I think of how the mutual fidelity of young married couples is put to the test. I think of friendships and how easily the temptation to be disloyal creeps in.

Dear young people, in such a world is it hard to believe? Is it hard to believe in the Third Millennium? Yes! It is hard. There is no need to hide it. It is hard, but with the help of grace it can be done, as Jesus explained to Peter: “Neither flesh nor blood has revealed this to you, but my Father who is in Heaven” (Matthew 16:17).

It is Jesus, in fact, that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal.

Dear friends, at the dawn of the Third Millennium, I see in you the “morning watchmen” (Isaiah 21:11-12). In the course of the century now past, young people like you were summoned to huge gatherings to learn the ways of hatred; they were sent to fight against one another. The various godless messianic systems which tried to take the place of Christian hope have shown themselves to be truly horrendous. Today you have come together to declare that in the new century you will not let yourselves be made into tools of violence and destruction; you will defend peace, paying the price in your person, if need be. You will not resign yourselves to a world where other human beings die of hunger, remain illiterate, and have no work. You will defend life at every moment of its development; you will strive with all your strength to make this earth ever more livable for all people.

Dear young people of the century now beginning, in saying “yes” to Christ, you say “yes” to all your noblest ideals. I pray that He will reign in your hearts and in all of humanity in the new century and the new millennium. Have no fear of entrusting yourselves to Him! He will guide you; He will grant you the strength to follow Him every day and in every situation.



Saint Therese Carmelite School

Faith ✠ Academics ✠ Virtue



Our 8th Grade Class will be selling treats after today's Sunday morning Masses. Funds will support their upcoming 8th Grade retreat and other school expenses. We appreciate your generosity!

2025-2026 ST. THERESE SCHOOL NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

The School, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, national origin, and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single-sex schools.

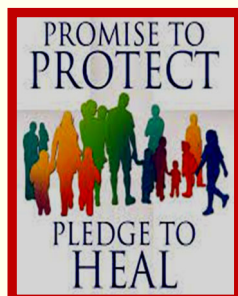
While the School does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the School are based upon the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities and the resources available to the School in meeting the student's needs.

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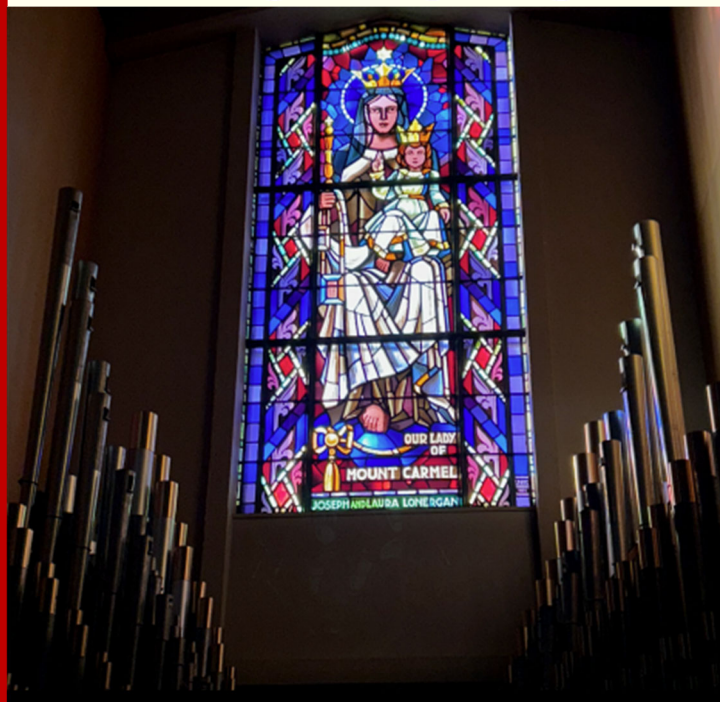
DID YOU KNOW? Back to School Safety



Tips—As your children head back to school, parents should begin laying the groundwork for open communication about the school's safety guidelines and policies. Talk to children about safe adults and keep

lines of communication open about who they see and interact with, how they feel about their school days, and what they are learning. Remind children regularly that they should find a safe adult if they ever feel unsafe or uncomfortable in any situation. For more tips, read "Talking to Kids About Safety and Boundaries for Back to School" by visiting <https://parequirements.com/blog/talking-to-kids-about-safety-and-boundaries-for-back-to-school>.

PARISH CHOIR



Contact Charlotte Lansberg
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626-282-2744 ex 112

Religious Ed Registration



Families are invited to register their children for:

- First Communion
- Confirmation
- Non-Sacramental Classes

Adults who need Confirmation and those who have never been baptized are invited to register for the **OCIA program** (formerly RCIA).

Go to our website to fill out an application—either via our downloadable forms or directly online. For first-time students, **you will need to submit to the office the original and one copy of the BIRTH and BAPTISMAL certificates.**

www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org/ReligiousEducationInfo



Celebrate Religious Education

Faith That Shapes Hearts and Minds: Religious education is not simply about teaching facts—it is about helping children and youth discover the living God who loves them. St. John Paul II reminds us, *“The Church has always considered catechesis one of her primary tasks, for before Christ ascended to His Father, He gave the apostles the mission of making disciples of all nations.”* And as St. John Baptist de La Salle tells us, *“To touch the hearts of your students is the greatest miracle you can perform.”* Through religious formation, we not only pass on the truths of the faith, but we also touch hearts, inspire hope, and prepare the next generation to live courageously as disciples of Christ.

REPARATION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

Every Tuesday 8:00PM-9:15PM
St. Therese Church

1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra, Ca 91801



“It was the Little Flower’s (St. Therese’s) devotion to the Holy Face, which drove her to unparalleled heights of sanctity.” - Fr. Emeric B. Scallan

Tuesdays are traditionally dedicated to the Holy Face of Jesus. The primary purpose is to make reparation for sins against the first three Commandments: denial of God, blasphemy, and profanation of Sundays and Holy Days.

Join us **EVERY TUESDAY** at 8pm after evening mass:

- + Brief Spiritual Reading
- + Reparation Prayers
- + Holy Rosary
- + Holy Face Chaplet

“Reparation is a work destined to save society!”
-Blessed Pope Pius IX

Financial Offerings



August 16 / 17, 2025

Unrestricted..... \$15,539.00
Restricted \$ 1,108.00
T O T A L.....\$16,647.00

July 19 / 20 \$18,385.00
July 26 / 27 \$21,699.00
August 2 / 3 \$17,233.00
August 9 / 10 \$18,800.00

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

Expect a Shower of Roses Here in Seven Weeks!



The relics of our beloved St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus are returning to the United States after 25 years—and our church is fortunate to be one of the blessed stops on this national tour. The reliquary will be with us on **October 11, 12, and the morning of the 13th**. For the complete national and local schedule, visit: StThereseUSA2025.com.

St. Thérèse once said: *"I want to spend my Heaven doing good on earth."* Wherever her

relics go, hearts are moved, lives are changed, and churches are filled. From her place in Heaven, she continues to shower us with spiritual roses—bringing hope, healing, and grace.

This is more than a visit. It's a moment of encounter with one of the Church's most powerful intercessors—Pope Pius X once called her: "the greatest saint of modern times." Your prayers and donations—no matter how small—will help make this event truly beautiful.

Because large crowds are expected, **volunteers are needed**, especially for hospitality and welcoming. **To sign up, please send a TEXT MESSAGE ONLY to Amber at (626) 840-7250 (no calls please).**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration

"Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

"Gaze upon Him, consider Him, contemplate Him, as you desire to imitate Him."

—St. Clare of Assisi

(July 16, 1194 – August 11, 1253)

Feast day: August 11)



St. Clare was born on July 16, 1194, to a wealthy and noble family in Assisi. Inspired by the teachings of St. Francis, she founded the Order of Poor Ladies, a monastic religious order for women in the Franciscan tradition. While many are familiar with her radical decision to pursue a life of poverty, few remember her intense love of the Eucharist. In 1993, **St. John Paul II highlighted this aspect of her life on the 800th anniversary of her birth:**

"Clare lived on that pure Bread which, according to the custom of the time, she could receive only seven times a year. On her sickbed she embroidered corporals and sent them to the poor churches in the Spoleto valley. ...When she would receive the body of our Lord, it was a marvel to see the tears that she wept... In reality, Clare's whole life was Eucharistic because, like Francis, from her cloister she raised up a continual 'thanksgiving' to God in her prayer, praise, supplication, intercession, weeping, offering, and sacrifice."

Eucharistic Miracle: In 1224, an army of rough soldiers from Frederick II came to attack Assisi. Although very sick, Clare went out to meet them with the Blessed Sacrament in her hands. She had the Blessed Sacrament placed at the wall where the enemies could see it. Then on her knees, she begged God to save the Sisters. *"O Lord, protect these Sisters whom I cannot protect now,"* she prayed. A voice seemed to answer: *"I will keep them always in My care."* In that moment, a sudden fright struck the attackers and they fled as fast as they could without harming anyone in Assisi.

Parish Ministries / Groups

—**COR JESU YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY:** A group that serves our youth and their families by providing a monthly social/teaching/prayer ministry. See Fr. Robert for more info.

—**DEUS VOCAT:** A Parish Apostolate established to bring people together to pray for more vocations and to provide programs for education and discernment of vocations. Meets in the Avila Room on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. to pray for vocations. Call Francisco Alcala at (323) 497-4951 or Marcela Alcala at (626) 940-4899 or marcelafigalcala@gmail.com.

—**FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION:** This group was formed, in response to Our Lady's requests at Fatima, to honor and make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Meets in the church **after the 8:00 a.m. Mass every first Saturday** to pray the Rosary and meditate for 15 minutes. For any questions, please call Maria Alejandra at (626) 993-4236.

—**FLAME OF LOVE:** Learn about the Blessed Mother's messages of grace to seer Elizabeth Kindelmann. Two cenacle sessions meet in the Avila Room **every Monday—from Noon to 2:00 p.m., and from 5:00 to 6:45 p.m.** The Flame of Love books are available for sale in the parish offices. JOIN ANYTIME! If you have any questions, please contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.

—**GODLY WOMEN'S CLUB:** For women who attend our Latin Mass who are seeking to grow in sisterhood with like-minded women. Meets before the Latin Mass at 12:45 pm every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month to sit together and then enjoy a picnic at Lacy Park. For more info, text Ivonne at (831) 435-6501.

—**HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY:** Teams of trained lay people pray for your healing. Held after our Monday evening Mass. Also available: private in-person sessions, phone sessions, outside events. For more info, send an email to: HpmStc1@gmail.com.

—**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** A fraternal order of Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen their faith through serving the Church and community. Call the Alhambra Grand Knight at (888) 869-3124.

—**LAY MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY:** An international association of lay people—married and single—whose members—adhering to the Charism of the Missionaries of Charity—make private vows of chastity, poverty, obedience, and wholehearted service to the poorest of the poor. Meets at STC every 3rd Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and prays the Rosary daily at 6:00 p.m. (virtually and at STC). Contact Alejandra Gomeztagle at (626) 630-8760.

—**REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS:** A devotion for the purpose of making reparation to the Sacred Heart. It is held every Friday from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. in the Avila Conference Room (entrance near the Adoration Chapel)

—**RETROUVAILLE LOS ANGELES:** A Program to help couples in troubled marriages learn about the tools needed to get their marriages back on track through a combination of one weekend, follow-up sessions, and fellowship/enrichment presentations (held at St Therese). For more info, call (909) 900-5465 or go to www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

—**ROSARY MAKERS:** This group makes rosaries to be sent to Catholics in third-world countries. Sessions are held on **Mondays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.** in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. All are welcome to join!

—**SPANISH MINISTRY:** A group that works to serve God by serving the priests and families of St. Therese. The group also trains intercessors committed to serving St. Therese Church. For more info, call Adriana Valle at (323) 448-5316.

—**ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP:** Meets in the church **every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.** to pray for our parish community and for increase in vocations. For more info, call Lucy Marikian at (626) 281-3706.

—**WOMEN'S RETREAT:** Annual weekend retreat for women **held during Lent** at El Carmelo Carmelite Retreat House in Redlands, California. Call or text the Captain, Chantal Richardson, at (951) 743-8801 or email her at chantalmarierichardson@gmail.com

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN ONE OR MORE—OR ALL— OF THESE GROUPS!

Feasts of St. Monica & St. Augustine This Week



This week we honor **St. Monica (August 27)** and her son, **St. Augustine (August 28)**. Monica is remembered for her steadfast prayer and tears for Augustine's conversion. After years of wandering, Augustine encountered Christ through the preaching of St. Ambrose and became one of the Church's greatest saints and doctors. Together, their feast days remind us of the power of prayer, perseverance, and God's grace at work in families.

*"St. Monica and St. Augustine, pray for us,
that our families may remain steadfast in faith and love."*

Mass Intentions

August 23—August 30, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Donna Spencer, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Dec'd Religious, Relatives, and Benefactors of Carmel of St. Teresa, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Bob and Frances Meyer, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Baldomera Mesa, RIP

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Michael Arakawa, INT

5:00 p.m.: Mary Lou Workman, RIP

Monday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Richard Peter Macedonio, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Rosalie Burghart, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Lorinda Duardo, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Lisa Losorelli, Birthday Intention

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

8:00 a.m.: Sophia Arakawa, Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: John Hummel, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Mother Teresa, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Monica Ibarra, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Fred Bunsic, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Brad Thompson, INT

8:00 a.m.: Jamie Arakawa, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Margarita Reyes & Family, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Teresa de Jesus Gonzalez, RIP

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Geigy Uy, 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"!

Outside the Parish

SACRED HEART RETREAT HOUSE—just down the street from St. Therese—invites women, men, married couples, and young adults to consider going on one of the many retreats they offer in order to draw closer to the Heart of Jesus. They also have family-friendly events. Check them out at www.sacredheartretreathouse.com | (626) 289-1353 | facebook@sacredheartretreathouse.com.

Pilgrimages

PILGRIMAGE TO GUADALUPE, MEXICO, with Carmelite friar **Fr. Joseph Mary Tran, OCD**, from **Monday, December 8, through Saturday, December 13, 2025**. Cost is \$2,250 per person, double occupancy. For more information, contact Beth Maddatu at maddatubeth2@gmail.com or 408-903-6305.

PILGRIMAGE TO EASTERN EUROPE (Poland, Croatia, Medjugorje, etc.) with Carmelite friar **Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD**, from **September 3 to September 16, 2026**. Cost to be determined. For more information, contact Beth Maddatu at maddatubeth2@gmail.com or 408-903-6305.

**"AND I, KNOWING THEIR DEEDS
AND THOUGHTS, AM COMING TO
GATHER ALL NATIONS AND
TONGUES, AND THEY WILL COME
AND SEE MY GLORY.**

— ISAIAH 66:18

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