



St. Therese Catholic Church



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"Come, Holy Spirit!"



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.

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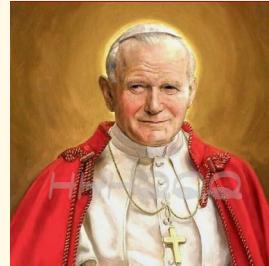
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- **Weddings:** Register online at least six months in advance
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Call the office

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

I want to congratulate all those who are making their Confirmation this weekend on Pentecost Sunday! What a momentous day to be "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit!"

Below is Pope St. John Paul II's meditation on Pentecost. —Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.



"Credo in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum et Vivificantem..." "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life..."

"With these words from the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, the Church proclaims her faith in the Paraclete; a faith that is born of the apostolic experience of Pentecost. The passage from the Acts of the Apostles, which today's liturgy has offered for our meditation, recalls in fact the marvels worked on the day of Pentecost, when with great astonishment the Apostles saw Jesus' words come true.

As was mentioned in the passage from St. John's Gospel proclaimed today, on the eve of His Passion, He had assured them: 'I will pray to the Father and He will give you another Counselor, to be with you for ever' (John 14:16). This 'Counselor, the Holy Spirit,' whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you' (John 14:26).

"And the Holy Spirit, coming down upon them with extraordinary power, enabled them to proclaim the teaching of Christ Jesus to the whole world. Their courage was so great, their determination so sure, that they were prepared to do anything, even to give up their lives. The gift of the Spirit had released their deepest energies, concentrating them on the mission entrusted to them by the Redeemer. And it will be the Counselor, the Parakletos, who will guide them in preaching the Gospel to all. The Spirit will teach them the whole truth, drawing it from the wealth of Christ's word, so that, in turn, they may communicate it to people in Jerusalem and the rest of the world.

"How can we not give thanks to God for the wonders the Spirit has never ceased to accomplish in these two millenniums of Christian life? Indeed, the event of grace at Pentecost has continued to bear its marvelous fruits, everywhere instilling apostolic zeal, a desire for contemplation, the commitment to live and serve God and our brothers and sisters with complete dedication. Today too, the Spirit sustains great and small acts of forgiveness and prophecy in the Church and gives life to ever new charisms and gifts, which attest to His ceaseless action in human hearts.

"What exciting prospects the Apostle's words offer to each of you, dear friends! Through the actions and words of the sacrament of Confirmation, you will be given the Holy Spirit, who will complete your conformity to Christ, already begun in Baptism, to make you adults in the Faith and authentic and courageous witnesses to the Risen One. With Confirmation, the Paraclete opens before you a path of continual rediscovery of the grace of adoption as children of God, which will make you joyful seekers of the Truth.

"In the Acts of the Apostles, Luke presents the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room in prayer with the Mother of Jesus (Acts 1:14). What better words than these could express their prayer: "Veni, Sancte Spiritus"—the invocation, that is, of the One who moved over the face of the waters at the beginning of the world (Genesis 1:2), whom Jesus had promised them as the Paraclete.

"The hearts of Mary and the Apostles at those moments were longing for His coming, alternating between ardent faith and the confession of human inadequacy. The Church's piety has interpreted and passed on this sentiment in the hymn "Veni, Sancte Spiritus." The Apostles know that the work Christ has entrusted to them is arduous but decisive for the history of humanity's salvation. Will they be able to complete it? The Lord reassures their hearts. At every step of the mission that will lead them to proclaim and witness to the Gospel to the furthest corners of the globe, they will be able to count on the Spirit promised by Christ. The Apostles, recalling Christ's promise on the days between the Ascension and Pentecost, will focus their every thought and sentiment on that *Veni—come!*

"Veni, Sancte Spiritus!" So we pray with Mary, sanctuary of the Holy Spirit, a most precious dwelling place of Christ among us, so that she may help us to be living temples of the Spirit and tireless witnesses of the Gospel."



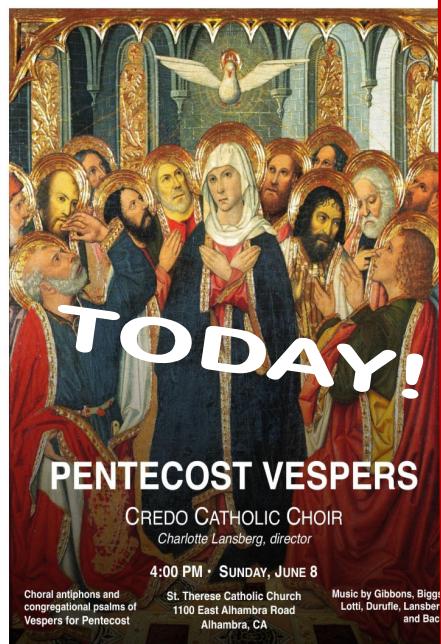
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PENTECOST VESPERS

Join the St. Therese friars and Credo Catholic Choir for solemn sung Vespers **TODAY, SUNDAY, June 8, at 4:00 p.m.**



The Vesper psalms and canticles will be sung by the choir and congregation, and the antiphons, Magnificat, and Pater Noster will be performed by the choir. Programs will be provided for the congregation to participate.

WELCOME, CAMINO PILGRIMS! FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST! 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 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 at either the 7:30, 9:00, or 11:00 a.m.



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.



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

FUNERAL MASS FOR MARIANO AGUILAR



All parishioners are warmly invited to attend the funeral Mass for our beloved former janitor, **Mariano Aguilar**, who passed away this past April.

His funeral Mass will take place **THIS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 (Rosary at 9:30 and Mass at 10:00 a.m.)**, followed by the burial at Resurrection Cemetery. A luncheon reception will follow at approximately 12:30 p.m. in the **Parish Hall**.

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to parishioner **Ray Cuevas** for assisting Mariano's family in coordinating the arrangements, and to all who generously donated to help cover the funeral expenses. Your kindness is a testament to how deeply Mariano was appreciated and loved by our Parish community. He would have been so touched. **Please continue to pray for the repose of Mariano's soul. May he rest in the peace of Christ.**

"Come, Holy Spirit!"

Pentecost, celebrated fifty days after Easter, marks the dramatic and powerful descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the birth of the Church.



The word "Pentecost" comes from the Greek "pentēkostē," meaning "fiftieth." It was originally a Jewish feast known as the Feast of Weeks or Shavuot, commemorating the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. For Christians, it became the day on which God wrote His new law on the hearts of believers, as the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in wind and fire.

The event is described vividly in Acts 2: the Apostles were gathered in one place when suddenly a sound like a mighty wind filled the house, and tongues of fire rested on each of them. They began to speak in different languages, and the people of Jerusalem—gathered from many nations—heard the Gospel in their own tongues. This emboldened the Apostles to begin preaching, and about three thousand were baptized that day. Thus, Pentecost is often called the "birthday of the Church."

Pentecost invites us to open our hearts anew to the Holy Spirit, who brings wisdom, courage, understanding, and zeal. It is a call to renewal—both personal and communal—and a reminder that the same Spirit who transformed fearful fishermen into bold proclaimers of the Gospel is alive in us today. Through the sacraments, especially Confirmation and the Eucharist, the Spirit continues to fill the Church with divine life.

Father's Day Novena of Masses



Our Father's Day Novena of Masses begins the day after Father's Day, June 16, and continues through June 24. To enroll your father (or grandfather, uncle, or godfather, etc.) simply write the names of those you wish to enroll (either living or deceased) on any envelope and insert an offering into the envelope. Drop it off at the office or place in the collection before June 16.

The company from which we normally get our Novena cards, Barton Cotton, is undergoing a move and cannot provide us cards, so we do not have Father's Day cards available this year. You may use your own greeting card for any living person you enroll. Just copy and paste the below message and place it inside the card you send:

You have been enrolled in a Father's Day Novena of Masses offered at St. Therese Church in Alhambra by the Discalced Carmelite Friars. A Mass will be celebrated each day for nine days from June 16 through June 24, 2025, for all those enrolled.

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL

The Novena for the upcoming Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patroness of the Carmelite Order, will be from July 7 to 15, and the Feast itself will be on July 16. Preceding the Feast, we will have a Triduum to prepare for the Feast: Sunday, July 13, at 5:00 p.m.; Monday, July 14, at 7:00 p.m., and Tuesday, July 15, at 7:00 p.m. (the Mass on Tuesday will NOT be in Spanish that week). The Feast Day Mass will be Wednesday, July 16, at 7:00 p.m., and will be celebrated by Fr. Stephen Watson. The Novena prayer will be published in the bulletin beginning the weekend of July 5 and 6.





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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.

04



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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Eucharistic Adoration

“Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”
Matthew 11:28



St Norbert is known as "The Apostle of the Eucharist." He founded the Religious Order of Premonstratensians (Norbertines), and we are blessed to have them in the Diocese of Orange—based at St. Michael's Abbey in Silvarado Canyon as well as St. John the Baptist Parish in Costa Mesa.

St Norbert and his Order are in no small part instrumental in the growth of Eucharistic piety during the twelve century, which gave rise to such devotions as genuflecting and kneeling before the Eucharist, along with a desire to see the Host via the ritual elevation of the Host during Holy Mass. St. Norbert made the Mass the center of his spiritual life and ministry. Contrary to the custom of the time, he celebrated Mass every day and loved to preach after Mass when his heart was overflowing with the love he had drawn from contact with Christ.

Be a Committed Adorer Sign up by scanning this QR code with your phone!



Mass on June 27 | The Month of the Sacred Heart



The month of June is traditionally dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, a profound expression of Christ's divine love and mercy for all humanity. Devotion to the Sacred Heart dates back many centuries, but it gained universal prominence in the 17th century when Jesus appeared in a series of visions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French Visitation nun. In these apparitions, Our Lord revealed His burning love for souls and His deep sorrow over the indifference and ingratitude of so many. He asked for a feast in honor of His Sacred Heart to be established, promising blessings for those who would honor Him in this way.

Among the many graces associated with this devotion are the Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart, which Jesus gave to St. Margaret Mary. These include promises of peace in the home, comfort in trials, fervor in faith, and most importantly, the assurance of His love and mercy at the hour of death. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is especially expressed through acts of reparation, attendance at First Friday Masses, and personal consecration to His Heart. It is a way of responding to His Love with our love—drawing near to the Heart that was pierced for our sake (next week's bulletin will feature the Twelve Promises).

This year, the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus falls on Friday, June 27. To honor this sacred day, St. Therese Church will offer a special evening Mass at 7:15 p.m.

All are encouraged to attend and unite their hearts to the Heart of Jesus, especially during this time of Eucharistic Revival. Let us take this opportunity to renew our love and trust in the One who said,

*"Behold this Heart
that has so loved men..."*

Meeting for Ushers



Fr. Peter Mary will host a meeting for ushers—both existing and those who may wish to become ushers—men or women. This meeting will be held **NEXT Saturday, June 14, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.**, in the Avila Conference Room in the Parish Office building (510 North El Molino Street).

Ushers are Ministers of Hospitality who guard “the threshold of the tent” (1 Chronicles 9:19) and are also assigned the task of receiving the offerings of the faithful (2 Kings 22:4). Ushers welcome parishioners and create an atmosphere of friendliness and helpfulness. Ushers should have a gift of hospitality, since they are the first and the last persons that many encounter during the Mass.

We hope to see many of you on the 14th! For any questions, contact Jim Raney at jraneysurf@sbcglobal.net

NO Healing Ministry in June



The Healing Prayer Ministry will be off for the month of June. We will resume on July 7th after the 7:15 p.m. Mass.

Financial Offerings



May 31 / June 1, 2025

Unrestricted.....	\$14,504.00
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May 3 / 4	\$17,936.00
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May 17 / 18	\$12,522.00
May 24 / 25	\$18,331.00

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Mass Intentions

June 7—June 14, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Daisy Torres, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 am: Deceased Religious, Relatives, & Benefactors of the Carmel of St Teresa RIP

7:30 a.m.: Cheah and Goh Families, INT

9:00 a.m.: Jose Contreras, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Henry Ruiz, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Basilio Aquino, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Frank Brundige, RIP

*7:30 am: Deacon Joe Mizerski, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Virgilio Lopez, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Linda Manzano, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Paula Jones, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Colt Gray, INT

8:00 am: Linda Kay Hesse, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Poor Souls, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Catherine Sia Revelo, B-day INT

7:30 a.m.: Huu Can Tran, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Alfredo Contreras, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Angelle Laigo, INT

7:30 a.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Maryanne Losorelli, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Silverio Reyes, RIP

7:30 am: Deceased Religious, Relatives, & Benefactors of the Carmel of St Teresa RIP

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Robert Barcelos, OCD, Anniv

Saturday Morning

7:30 a.m.: Cloistered Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Peter & Monica Grimm, Anniv

*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel

(215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra).

(Open to the public except 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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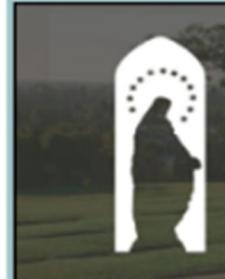
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