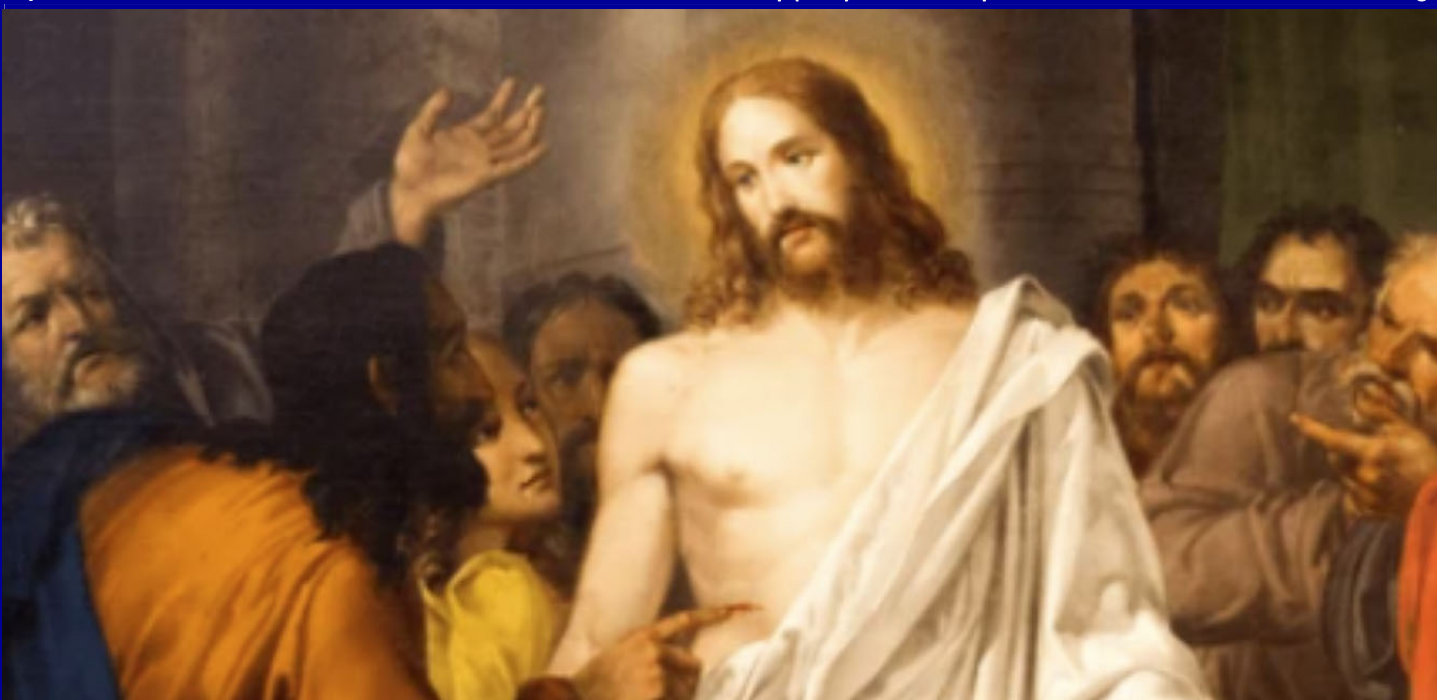




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...He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen but have believed" (John 20:27-29).

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.

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- Anointing of the Sick: Call the office

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

A continued Blessed Easter season and Divine Mercy Sunday to you! Let us remember Pope Francis in our prayers at his passing last Easter Monday. And let us pray for the leaders of our Church as they elect our new Pope at the upcoming conclave.

In remembrance of **Pope Francis**, below is a portion of his last **"Urbi et Orbi"** message on **Easter Sunday of this year**.

—Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.



"From the empty tomb in Jerusalem, we hear unexpected good news: Jesus, who was crucified, 'is not here, He has risen' (Luke 24:5). Jesus is not in the tomb, He is alive! Love has triumphed over hatred, light over darkness, and truth over falsehood. Forgiveness has triumphed over revenge. Evil has not disappeared from history—it will remain until the end, but it no longer has the upper hand; it no longer has power over those who accept the grace of this day.

"Sisters and brothers, especially those of you experiencing pain and sorrow, your silent cry has been heard and your tears have been counted; not one of them has been lost! In the passion and death of Jesus, God has taken upon Himself all the evil in this world and—in His infinite mercy—has defeated it! He has uprooted the diabolical pride that

poisons the human heart and wreaks violence and corruption on every side. The Lamb of God is victorious! That is why, today, we can joyfully cry out: 'Christ, my hope, has risen!' (Easter Sequence).

"The resurrection of Jesus is indeed the basis of our hope. For in the light of this event, hope is no longer an illusion. Thanks to Christ—crucified and risen from the dead—hope does not disappoint! *Spes non confundit!* (Romans 5:5). That hope is not an evasion, but a challenge; it does not delude, but empowers us.

"All those who put their hope in God place their feeble hands in His strong and mighty hand; they let themselves be raised up and set out on a journey. Together with the risen Jesus, they become pilgrims of hope, witnesses of the victory of love, and of the disarmed power of Life.

"Christ is risen! These words capture the whole meaning of our existence, for we were not made for death but for life. Easter is the celebration of life! God created us for life and wants the human family to rise again! In His eyes, every life is precious—the life of a child in the mother's womb, as well as the lives of the elderly and the sick, who in more and more countries are looked upon as people to be discarded.

"In the Lord's Paschal Mystery, death and life contended in a stupendous struggle, but the Lord now lives forever (Easter Sequence). He fills us with the certainty that we too are called to share in the life that knows no end, when the clash of arms and the rumble of death will be heard no more. Let us entrust ourselves to Him, for He alone can make all things new (Revelation 21:5)!

"Happy Easter to everyone!"

Today!

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27th, IS
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Receive a Plenary Indulgence!

**SUNDAY,
APRIL 27,
2025**



**JOIN US
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TO
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DIVINE
MERCY!**



**3:00 TO
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-EXPOSITION

-HOLY HOUR

-CONFESSION

**-CHAPLET
OF MERCY**

**-TALK BY
DEACON REX**

**ON
"MERCY
& HOPE"**

-BENEDICTION

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

100th Anniversary of Canonization

Saturday, May 17, 2025, marks exactly 100 years since our Patroness was canonized on May 17, 1924, by Pope Pius XI. Please join your fellow parishioners in honoring her on this special day and seeking her special intercession.

The schedule for this morning event will be as follows:

- 8:00 a.m.:** Celebration of Mass
- 9:00 a.m.:** Outdoor Eucharistic Procession
- 9:30 a.m.:** Talk by Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.
- 10:30 a.m.:** Holy Hour
- 11:30 a.m.:** Benediction



Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Therese on Saturday, May 17, 2025

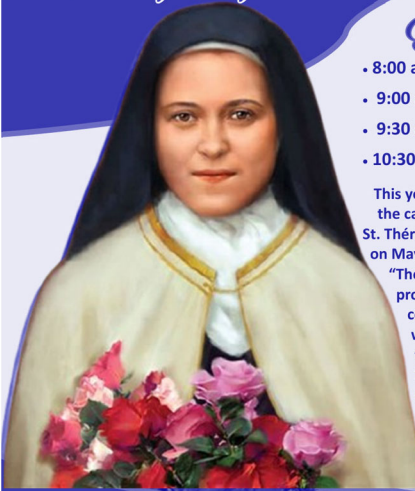


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This year marks the 100th anniversary of the canonization of our beloved patroness, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, who was declared a saint on May 17, 1925, by Pope Pius XI. Known as "The Little Flower," Thérèse's simple yet profound path of love and trust in God continues to inspire hearts around the world. It is especially meaningful that this centenary falls within the Church's 2025 Jubilee Year—a time of grace, renewal, and spiritual celebration for Catholics everywhere.

As we honor Thérèse's legacy, we're reminded that holiness is not about grand gestures, but about doing small things with great love.



May 17, 1925 - May 17, 2025

Jubilee 2025: Eucharistic Revival Procession

Fr. Peter Mary would like as many parishioners as possible to participate in this late afternoon procession on May 17 (ten local parishes will be taking part, including St. Therese). It is part of the Archdiocese's celebration for the Jubilee Year.

All St. Therese Parishioners are also invited to pray the Novena to the Holy Eucharist (see QR code below). Also, our **high school youth are welcome to attend two special events on May 3 and 4 at St. Philip**.

The **Eucharistic Procession on May 17 will begin at 5:00 p.m. at St. Philip and end two miles away at St. Andrew in Pasadena.** Fr. Peter Mary and other friars will be participating; Deacon Rex is the leader for St. Therese Parish for this event. For details, go to **PasadenaEucharisticRevival.com** or scan the QR codes below.



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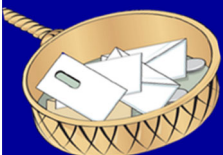


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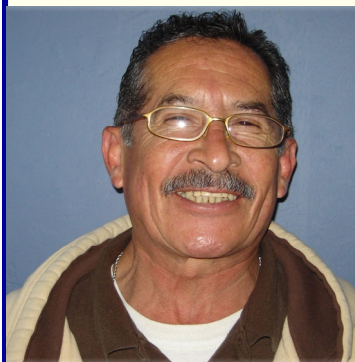
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Donations for the Burial of Our Janitor, Mariano



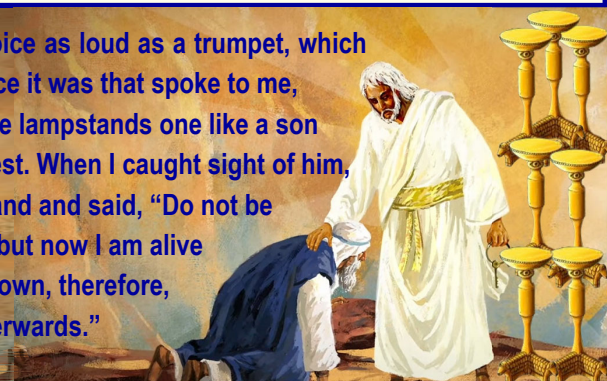
For those who may not have heard, our long-time custodian, **Mariano Aguilar**, passed away on Friday, April 11, after a prolonged illness of over two months. His funeral Mass will take place at St. Therese as soon as everything is finalized. We will share the details as soon as they are available.

Mariano truly loved the people of St. Therese and found great joy in working among us. Please pray for the repose of his soul. Please welcome **IAN WARD**, who has been hired to take Mariano's place.

DONATIONS TO HELP PAY FOR HIS BURIAL: THANK YOU to all those who made donations to date for Mariano's burial costs! We are still collecting funds so, if you can help, please bring your donation to the office or drop an envelope into the collection basket (marked "FOR MARIANO AGUILAR"). God bless you for caring!

I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, "Write on a scroll what you see." Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest. When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards."

—Revelation 1:12-13,17-19



Divine Mercy: A Love That Breaks Through Walls



This Sunday's readings form a beautiful tapestry of hope, healing, and resurrection power—perfect for Divine Mercy Sunday. We continue to bask in the glow of Easter morning, yet we are now invited to go deeper, into the heart of God's mercy and what it means for us, especially in a world that often feels broken and afraid.

In the reading from Acts 5:12-16, we see the early Church living out the resurrection in real time. Signs and wonders were being worked through the apostles, and people brought the

sick into the streets, hoping even Peter's shadow might fall on them. These weren't just miracles of healing—they were signs of the living Christ working through His Church. The same risen Jesus who appeared to the disciples in today's Gospel now works through His Body, the Church, to bring mercy and new life.

Psalms 118, sung so often during the Easter season, is a joyful song of victory: "His mercy endures forever." These are not just poetic words; they are the foundation of our faith. Even when we are hard-pressed or afraid, God's mercy lifts us up. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone, and that cornerstone is Christ Himself—crucified, risen, and infinitely merciful.

In Revelation 1:9-19, John shares his extraordinary vision of the risen Lord, radiant in glory and power. But what does Jesus say first? "Do not be afraid." Even in His heavenly splendor, Christ's mercy shines through. He tells John to write down everything he sees, so that the Church may be encouraged—especially in times of suffering. This mercy is not soft or sentimental; it is the strength that comes from knowing death has been conquered.

And then there is Thomas, in John 20:19-31—our companion in doubt and in faith. When Jesus appears to the disciples, He brings peace, not condemnation. And to Thomas, He offers His wounds as proof of His love. The invitation is clear: "Do not be unbelieving, but believe." This Gospel is the foundation of Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on the apostles, giving them the authority to forgive sins. Mercy becomes a mission.

Divine Mercy Sunday, instituted by St. John Paul II, reminds us that Christ's greatest desire is to forgive, to heal, and to draw us close. From the locked rooms of fear to the streets where shadows become blessings, God's mercy is still at work. Let us open our hearts and say, with Thomas and the whole Church, "My Lord and my God!"

The Divine Mercy devotion, given to the world by Jesus through the humble Polish nun St. Faustina Kowalska, centers on the unfathomable mercy of God—a mercy that knows no bounds and reaches even the most wounded, wayward hearts. Through her diary, we see that Jesus revealed to St. Faustina His desire that the Sunday after Easter be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday, promising great graces to those who trust in Him, go to Confession, and receive Holy Communion on that day. He said, "On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy" (Diary 699).

The image of Divine Mercy—Jesus with rays of red and pale light streaming from His heart (see Page Three)—symbolizes the blood and water that flowed from His side on the Cross, signs of the sacraments and of the Church being born. The simple prayer at the bottom, "Jesus, I trust in You," becomes the heart-cry of this devotion. In our brokenness, doubts, and fears—especially echoed in Thomas' struggle to believe in today's Gospel—we are reminded that Jesus comes not to condemn, but to offer peace and mercy. Just as He stood among the disciples and said, "Peace be with you," He now stands among us, offering His healing love and calling us to be apostles of mercy in our world.

"Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though his sins be as scarlet."

— Jesus to St. Faustina (Diary Entry No. 699)

Mass Intentions

April 26—May 3, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Easter Novena 6

Divine Mercy Sunday

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

7:30 a.m.: Jorge & Genoveva Boco, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Ana Clea Arteaga, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Shony Lopez, INT

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Parishioners

5:00 p.m.: Easter Novena 7

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Easter Novena 8

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

8:00 a.m.: Zerina Duran, INT

7:15 p.m.: Lisa Sandoval, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Easter Novena 9

*7:30 a.m.: Alessandra Torres, INT

8:00 a.m.: Angelina Brajkovich, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Zerk Duran, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Franklin Teng, Birthday INT

7:30 a.m.: Deacon Joe Mizerski, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Damien Murphy, 4th Birthday INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Ron Sandoval, INT

7:30 a.m.: Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Carl Thompson, INT

First Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Joe Campbell, INT

7:30 a.m.: Rita Leathem, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Ma. May Josephine Perata, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Karina Laigo, INT

Saturday Morning

7:30 a.m.: Cloistered Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Antonio Cailan, INT

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

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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