



# St Therese Catholic Church



May 31, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | [www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org](http://www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org)



## Feast of the Most 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.

**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

**Pastor:** Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD: X 1+224

**Associate Pastors:** Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, OCD

Fr. David Guzman, OCD X 1+232

**In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD;

Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD (X 1+226); Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD

**Deacons:** Deacon Gilbert Vargas | Deacon Otto Lacayo |

Deacon Rex Owens: Cell #s under CONTACTS on the

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### ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL


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[www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com](http://www.SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com)

Principal: Alma Cornejo X 1 + 661

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### SACRAMENTS

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

### ONLINE GIVING

Please consider a gift to St. Therese Church.

Open your banking app; then scan this Zelle QR code. Use email [donateSTC@gmail.com](mailto:donateSTC@gmail.com). If asked, the recipient is THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF LA ST THERESE CHU.



# PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

We want to congratulate our recent graduates from the 8th Grade who just graduated this past Friday! May Our Blessed Mother and the Holy Spirit lead, guide, and protect them as they begin a new chapter in their walk with Our Lord.

Let us now conclude this month of Mary with our role as sons and daughters of Our Blessed Mother by reading another excerpt from **St. John Paul II's encyclical on Mary, *Redemptoris Mater***.  
—Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D.



Mary believed in the fulfillment of what had been said to her by the Lord. As Virgin, she believed that she would conceive and bear a son: the "Holy One," who bears the name of "Son of God, *Jesus*" (which means "God who saves"). As handmaid of the Lord, she remained in perfect fidelity to the person and mission of this Son. As Mother, "believing and obeying...she brought forth on earth the Father's Son. This she did, knowing not man, but overshadowed by the Holy Spirit."



For these reasons, ***Mary is honored in the Church "with special reverence.*** Indeed, from most ancient times the Blessed Virgin Mary has been venerated under the title of 'God-bearer.' In all perils and needs, the faithful have fled prayerfully to her protection." This cult is altogether special: it bears in itself and expresses the profound link which exists between the Mother of Christ and the Church. As Virgin and Mother, Mary remains for the Church a "permanent model." It can therefore be said that especially under this aspect, namely as a model, or rather as a "figure," ***Mary, present in the mystery of Christ, remains constantly present also in the mystery of the Church. For the Church too is "called mother and virgin," and these names have a profound biblical and theological justification.***

The Marian dimension of the life of a disciple of Christ is expressed in a special way, precisely through this filial entrusting to the Mother of Christ, which began with the testament of the Redeemer on Golgotha. Entrusting himself to Mary in a filial manner, the Christian, like the Apostle John, "welcomes" the Mother of Christ "into his own home" and brings her into everything that makes up his inner life, that is to say into his human and Christian "I": he "took her to his own home." Thus the Christian seeks to be taken into that "maternal charity" with which the Redeemer's Mother "cares for the brethren of her Son," "in whose birth and development she cooperates," in the measure of the gift proper to each one through the power of Christ's Spirit. Thus also is exercised that motherhood in the Spirit which became Mary's role at the foot of the Cross and in the Upper Room.

This filial relationship, this self-entrusting of a child to its mother, not only has its beginning in Christ but can also be said to be definitively directed towards Him. Mary can be said to continue to say to each individual the words which she spoke at Cana in Galilee: "*Do whatever He tells you.*" For He, Christ, is the one Mediator between God and mankind; He is "the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6); it is He whom the Father has given to the world, so that man "should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). The Virgin of Nazareth became the first "witness" of this saving love of the Father, and she also wishes to remain its humble handmaid, always and everywhere. For every Christian, for every human being, Mary is the one who first "believed" and, precisely with her faith as Spouse and Mother, she wishes to act upon all those who entrust themselves to her as her children. And it is well known that the more her children persevere and progress in this attitude, the nearer Mary leads them to the "unsearchable riches of Christ" (Eph. 3:8). And to the same degree, they recognize more and more clearly the dignity of man in all its fullness and the definitive meaning of his vocation, for "Christ...fully reveals man to man himself."

PLEASE TURN IN YOUR FILLED BABY BOTTLES THIS WEEKEND... OR DROP OFF AT THE OFFICE!

# GPS | Guadalupe Pregnancy Center Services



GPS volunteers are outside the church after all the Masses THIS WEEKEND, **May 30th/31st** to collect the filled baby bottles.

### “Mother’s Day Month Baby Shower”

Gifts for moms and babies are greatly needed and very much appreciated. A Pac ’n Play crib is in the main vestibule through the month of May so that parishioners can place their donations of baby items.

**Items needed for babies** include: Blankets, diapers (sizes newborn, 3, 4, 5, & 6), Sippy cups, baby bottles, pacifiers, bibs, socks, teething toys, hardcover books, shoes, new clothing (especially sizes 2T and 3T for boys and girls), sleepers and T-shirts, etc., Toiletries: shampoo, lotion, powder, thermometers, nail clippers, etc.

**Items needed for mothers** include: Feminine hygiene products, gently-used or new maternity clothes, nursing pads, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, household cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning products, paper towels, etc.

**Thank you for your generosity and for participating in this important Pro-Life outreach!**

Members of the Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary will be taking orders for ice cream pints after all this weekend's Masses.

# Ice Cream Sunday Fun Day



**Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary Fundraiser**  
**Ice Cream Sunday Fun Day!!!**

**Handels' Ice Cream Truck**  
**Sunday, June 7, 2026**  
**11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**



For ordering **PINTS** of ice cream (\$8.50 per pint), you will need to **PRE-ORDER FOR PICK UP ON JUNE 7**. From the list of available flavors below, **please indicate next to each flavor the number of pints you want to PRE-order:**

#### AVAILABLE FLAVORS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Vanilla Mint Chip     | <input type="checkbox"/> Cookie Dough                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Salty Caramel Truffle | <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Monster                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vanilla Oreo          | <input type="checkbox"/> Butter Pecan                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate             | <input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Peanut Butter Brownie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mocha Almond Fudge    | <input type="checkbox"/> Mango Sorbet (vegan)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry            |  |



**St. Therese Parish Parking Lot**



On June 7th, you will be able to order any of the following: (no pre-order necessary)

- 2 1/2 scoop cone—\$7 each
- Kid's Bunny Bowl—\$7 each
- Dipped waffle cone or bowl—\$9 each
- Root beer float—\$9 each



Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL NUMBER OF PINTS ORDERED \_\_\_\_\_ X \$8.50 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Make check payable to: Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary and mail it with the order form to: Maryanne Losorelli, 533 Milton Drive, San Gabriel 91775.)

**Order by May 31, 2026**



# Saint Therese Carmelite School

Faith Academics Virtue

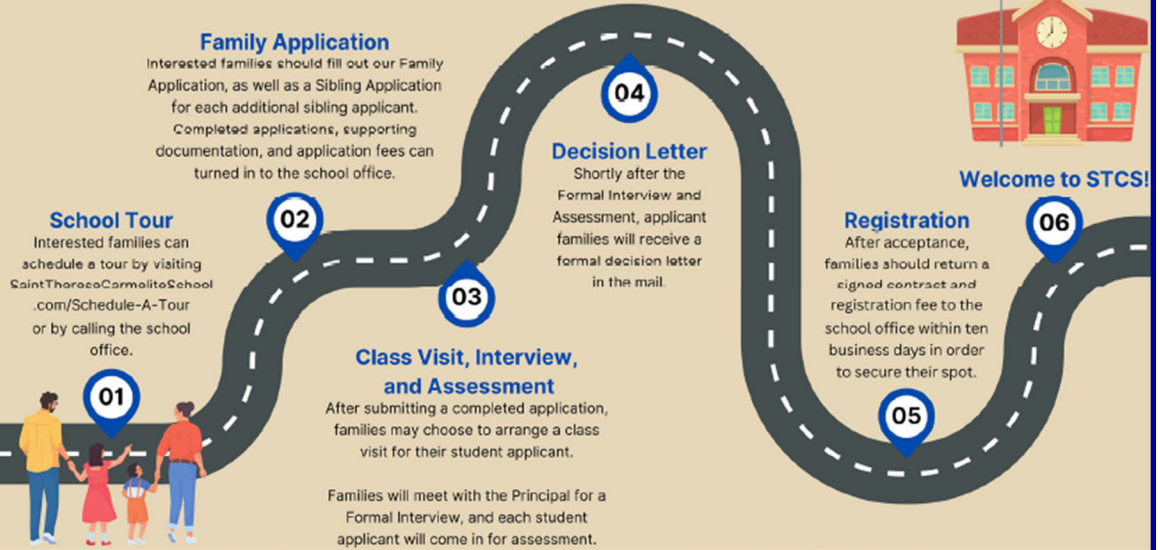
**OPEN ENROLLMENT**  
TK-8th Grade

Interested in applying?

Scan here to get started!

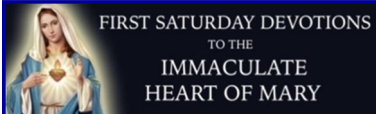


## 6 Stages of the Admissions Process



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Mark your calendar for our next First Saturdays Devotion on June 6, 2026, and join us for the Rosary and 15 minutes of meditation after the 8:00 a.m. Mass!

**Thirteen Fatima Reminders From Sister Lúcia** (From an article by Joseph Pronechen) - Continuing with the letter of Servant of God Sister Lúcia of Fatima to her nephew, Father Jose dos Santos Valinhos, of April 13, 1971:

5. "The only important thing for us is to do the will of God, be where He wants us to be, and to do what He expects of us, always with the spirit of humility, conscious of the fact that of ourselves we are nothing, and that it is God who works through us and makes use of us to accomplish His work."

6. "Let time be lacking to us for everything else but never for prayer, and you will experience the fact that after prayer you will accomplish a lot in a short period of time."

7. "In carrying out our everyday tasks, we must endeavor to be aware of God's presence: call to mind that God and our Angel Guardian are close to us, see what we are doing, and in what frame of mind we are doing it. Hence, we must sanctify our work, our rest, our meals, our wholesome entertainments, as if they were an ongoing prayer.

"Knowing that God is present, it is enough to call Him to mind and from time to time say a few words to Him; Whether of love ('I love You, Lord'), of thanksgiving ('Thank You, Lord, for all Your benefits') or of petition ('Lord, help me to be faithful to you; forgive me my sins, my ingratitude, my coldness, my failure to understand, my backsliding') or of praise ('I bless you, Lord, for your greatness and your goodness, for your wisdom, for your power, for your mercy, for your justice, for your love'). This intimate and familiar converse with God transforms our work and our daily occupations into a true and abiding life of prayer, making us more pleasing to God and bringing down upon us extra special graces and blessings." Source: <https://ewtn.co.uk/article-13-fatima-reminders-from-sister-lucia>

# Financial Offerings

Because of the Memorial Day holiday, this bulletin had to be submitted for printing before the weekend of May 23/24. The totals for that weekend, as well as this weekend's, will be published in the bulletin of June 7, 2026.

April 25/26 .....	\$20,186.00
May 2 / 3 .....	\$54,809.00
May 9 / 10 .....	\$22,909.00
May 16 / 17 .....	\$15,229.00

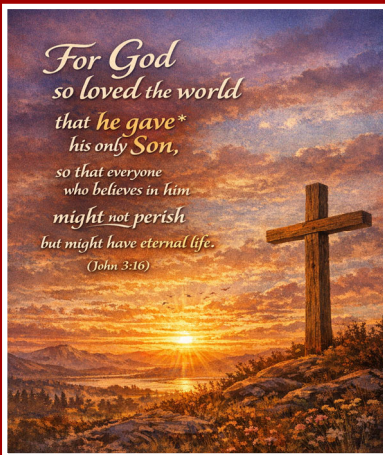
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Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

# A Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass



**Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 43: The Preface**—As we continue our journey through the Eucharistic Prayer, ... a special part of the prayers at the altar that highlights thanksgiving is called the Preface, which begins with a familiar dialogue: *P./ "The Lord be with you. R./ And with your spirit. P./ Lift up your hearts. R./ We lift them up to the Lord. P./ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R./ It is right and just."* As Edward Sri notes, "This dialogue is first reported in the Eucharistic prayer of St. Hippolytus (c. A.D. 215). Now, eighteen centuries later, we continue to say the same words, uniting us with the Christians of the early Church" (*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, p. 95). The first part of this dialogue takes us back to the beginning of the Mass, when the assembly is greeted by the celebrant. As Edward Sri explains, the next part of the dialogue ... is a "wake-up call" where the priest "is summoning us to give our fullest attention to what is about to unfold." Sri quotes St. Cyprian (+ A.D. 258): "... Let all carnal and worldly thoughts pass away, nor let the soul at that time think on anything but the object of its prayer."

For the last section of the dialogue, Sri reminds us that giving thanks to God "is a common biblical response to God's goodness and to His saving works in our lives" (*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, p. 98). "Our Lord and King will soon be with us in the Real Presence of the Eucharist. Our hearts should be filled with gratitude as our church becomes like a new holy of holies, housing the divine presence. What an awesome privilege it is for us to draw near!... There is so much to be thankful for at this moment in the Liturgy! We therefore acknowledge that gratitude is the only fitting response ... In answer to the priest's invitation to thank the Lord, we say, 'It is right and just'" (*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, p. 99). Amen! - Source: Fr. Luke Spannagel's blog at <https://www.stphils.com/church/Eucharistic-revival-walk-through-the-Mass/>



## Healing Ministry on Summer Hiatus



*St. Therese*  
HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

Our Healing Prayer Ministry (HPM), normally held on Mondays after the 7:15 p.m. Mass, is **taking off for the Summer** (now through Labor Day). The HPM will resume on Monday evening, September 14, 2026.

## Mass Intention Scheduling Update for 2027

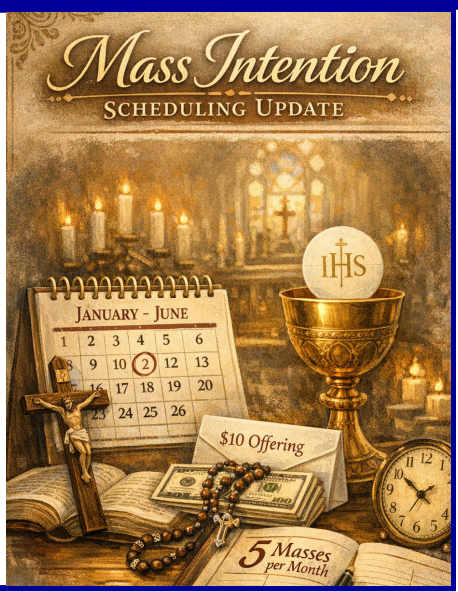
Beginning June 1, 2026, we will start accepting Mass intentions **for the first six months of 2027 (January 1–June 30)**. The schedule for the second half of the year (July 1–December 31, 2027) will open on January 4, 2027. To fairly allow more parishioners the opportunity to request preferred Mass dates and times, each person may schedule **no more than five Masses every thirty days**.

Canon Law 948 reflects the Church's "One Mass, One Intention" principle, which requires that a separate Mass be celebrated for each individual intention for which an offering has been given. This ensures reverence for the intention and avoids even the appearance of impropriety (simony). Note: The suggested offering, as set by the Archbishop of Los Angeles, is \$10 per Mass.

In fidelity to Canon Law, St. Thérèse Parish follows this practice carefully.

**As a result, all Mass intentions for 2026 have already been filled.**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



# On the Mountain Before the LORD

The mountain was quiet... yet not quiet at all. The air hummed with something Moses could not hold. He carried in his hands the stones he had hewn—but it was his heart that felt heavier. He wondered aloud, “I am climbing again... the same mountain, yet not the same man. I have the new tablets with me—tablets like the ones broken by my anger, shattered because my people turned away. Will He trust me again? Will I be enough this time?”



The clouds began to gather, thick and grey. “No,” Moses answered his own question. “I know the truth— I have never been enough! And still... He calls me to ascend this mountain once again.” He felt the Presence draw near—felt it even before the cloud of God descended from Heaven. In awe, he whispered, “He comes... the Holy One comes down to meet me! Why would the LORD come down for a man like me?” Then the proclamation — like thunder wrapped in mercy: **“LORD.”** And at that moment, the LORD passed before Moses and proclaimed:

**“The LORD, the LORD, a God gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love and fidelity, continuing His love for a thousand generations, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion, and sin; yet not declaring the guilty guiltless, but bringing punishment for their parents’ wickedness on their children and their children’s children to the third and fourth generation!”**

The words moved through Moses more than around him. “Gracious... Merciful... Slow to anger.” They echoed in his mind like a fire that did not consume. He reflected, “Not like us... never like us. He sees everything—every rebellion, every failure... and still... He stays! How can this be?” The weight of His people pressed into his thoughts. “They are stubborn... but so am I. They turned away... but I’ve doubted, too. And yet He—He remains.”

As these thoughts roared through him, Moses fell to his knees, his face to the ground, unable to stand beneath both holiness and mercy. Praying aloud, he said to the LORD: **“If I find favor with you, Lord, please, Lord, come along in our company. This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins and claim us as your own!”** Still bowed low, he continued to ponder: “We do not deserve His forgiveness... but He is Mercy itself. He is Love itself—a God who keeps covenant beyond what we can comprehend. Stones in my hands... yet His mercy is written deeper than what will be written on these stones. Because He goes with us, we will not be abandoned. Because He claims us, we are still His people.”

Then Moses realized the mountain had fallen into complete silence. Silence—but not emptiness. The Holy Presence remained: steady, overwhelming, near. So he stayed there, unmoving, awaiting the words of God... and ready to receive the second set of tablets from the LORD.

# Mass Intentions Pilgrimages



## May 30—June 6, 2026

**Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:**

5:00 p.m.: Ronaldo Cuarto, RIP

**Sunday:**

\*7:30 am: Mother Teresa, OCD, INT

7:30 am: The Mao Family, INT

9:00 a.m.: Noralyn Cailan, INT

11:00 am: Gracie Holman, B-Day INT

1 p.m.: Samson & Sylvia Kawjaree, Anniv. INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

**Monday:**

6:00 a.m.: Noralyn Cailan, B-Day INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Regina, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Mary Louise Atencio, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Joseph Lim, INT

**Tuesday (+7:15 p.m. in Spanish):**

6:00 a.m.: Ramon Sy Su & Family, INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Khouw Lip Hing, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Mariano Aguilar, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Mariano Aguilar, RIP

**Wednesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Gloria Doria, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Faustina Mary, OCD, INT

8:00 am: Tiburcio & Teresa Buenaente, RIP

**Thursday:**

6:00 a.m.: Gerald Gimenez, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Kevin Gerard McMaster, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Renato Martinez, RIP

**First Friday:**

6:00 a.m.: Albert Lay, INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Faustina Mary, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: St Therese School's Class of 2026

7:15 p.m.: Carmina & Julius Doria, INT

**Saturday Morning**

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

8:00 a.m.: Jamie Arakawa, 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"!

The complete itineraries for the following pilgrimages are on the website (OUTSIDE THE PARISH section).

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE** with Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, from November 22—December 3, 2026. Walk in the footsteps of Jesus in Galilee, Tiberius, Caesarea, Cana, Capernaum, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jericho, Mt. Carmel, Jerusalem, etc. Walk the Via Dolorosa, take a two-hour boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, float on the Dead Sea, and much more! \$4,599 each (from LAX). Contact: Albert or Mary Helen Estrada at (626) 533-4839.



**CARMELITE-INSPIRED PILGRIMAGE** to Italy from July 9-18, 2026: Land Tour cost: \$3880. Visit Assisi for the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis, with the friends of the Discalced Carmelites. Visit Siena, Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Mont Sant' Angelo, Pompeii, Amalfi, Montecassino, and more. Off the beaten path and at a slower pace, this unique route offers opportunities to encounter the wondrous saints of Italy. Includes 9 nights at 3&4 star hotels, breakfast & dinner, private motorcoach or van, all touring, entrance fees to all sites, tour chaplain, & daily Mass. Additional Costs: Overseas flights (LAX round trip to Rome, Italy). As of now, the non-stop airfare varies from \$1300 (economy) to \$2400 (Premier) on Norse Atlantic. Pilgrimage is with Sacred Heart Tours, (845) 594-2222, www.sacredhearttours.com. For more info, contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186.

**ALABAMA, HERE WE COME!** Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament and EWTN from July 29 to August 4, 2026. Come see what the Lord did through Mother Angelica and is still doing through the friars at EWTN and the cloistered nuns at the Shrine. A full six days of serenity, prayer, spiritual talks, tours, fellowship, and family fun. Space is limited. Approximately \$1,500 per person. For more info, call Albert and Mary Helen Estrada at (626) 533-4839.

## Personal Ad

Lady (with her pet cat) seeks to rent a room in a house (BR with closet, priv. bath, privileges in a large kitchen with stove & microwave, space in the living room for a large TV, pkg space in the garage with storage. Can pay up to \$600. If you can help, please call Valerie at (626) 713-4420.

## Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:  
**Rebecca Marie Flores**

Her funeral services are as follows:

**Thursday, June 4, 2026:**

Rosary followed by Mass (call for times)

