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# St. Therese Catholic Church



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Jesus came to Nazareth and went into the synagogue on the sabbath. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and read: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives...and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." ...The eyes of all looked intently at Him, and He said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (from Luke 4:16-21).



## 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

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## ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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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,

For those of you with tickets, please don't forget to come to our re-scheduled Gala of Roses this Saturday, February 1st, at Brookside Country Club next to the Rose Bowl.

Let us resume our reading from St. Therese on her Act of Oblation to Merciful Love.  
—Fr. Peter Mary

## Offering of Myself as a Victim of Holocaust to God's Merciful Love

O My God! Most Blessed Trinity, I desire to love You and make you loved, to work for the glory of Holy Church by saving souls on earth and liberating those suffering in Purgatory. I desire to accomplish Your will perfectly and to reach the degree of glory

You have prepared for me in Your Kingdom. I desire, in a word, to be a saint, but I feel my helplessness and I beg You, O my God, to be Yourself my Sanctity.

Since You loved me so much as to give me Your only Son as my Savior and my Spouse, the infinite treasures of His merits are mine. I offer them to You with gladness, begging You to look upon me only in the Face of Jesus and in His Heart burning with Love.

I offer You, too, all the merits of the saints (in Heaven and on earth), their acts of love, and those of the holy angels. Finally, I offer You, O Blessed Trinity, the love and merits of the Blessed Virgin, my dear Mother. It is to her I abandon my offering, begging her to present it to You. Her Divine Son, my Beloved Spouse, told us in the days of His mortal life: "Whatsoever you ask the Father in my name He will give it to you!" I am certain, then, that You will grant my desires; I know, O my God, that the more You want to give, the more You make us desire. I feel in my heart immense desires and it is with confidence I ask You to come and take possession of my soul. Ah! I cannot receive Holy Communion as often as I desire, but, Lord, are You not all-powerful? Remain in me as in a tabernacle and never separate Yourself from Your little victim.

I want to console You for the ingratitude of the wicked, and I beg of you to take away my freedom to displease You. If through weakness I sometimes fall, may Your Divine Glance cleanse my soul immediately, consuming all my imperfections like the fire that transforms everything into itself. I thank You, O my God, for all the graces You have granted me, especially the grace of making me pass through the crucible of suffering. It is with joy I shall contemplate You on the Last Day carrying the scepter of Your Cross. Since You deigned to give me a share in this very precious Cross, I hope in Heaven to resemble You and to see shining in my glorified body the sacred stigmata of Your Passion.

After earth's Exile, I hope to go and enjoy You in the Fatherland, but I do not want to lay up merits for Heaven. I want to work for Your love alone with the one purpose of pleasing You, consoling Your Sacred Heart, and saving souls who will love You eternally. In the evening of this life, I shall appear before You with empty hands, for I do not ask You, Lord, to count my works. All our justice is stained in Your eyes. I wish, then, to be clothed in Your own Justice and to receive from Your Love the eternal possession of Yourself. I want no other throne, no other crown but You, my Beloved! Time is nothing in Your eyes, and a single day is like a thousand years. You can, then, in one instant prepare me to appear before You.

In order to live in one single act of perfect Love, I **OFFER MYSELF AS A VICTIM OF HOLOCAUST TO YOUR MERCIFUL LOVE**, asking You to consume me incessantly, allowing the waves of infinite tenderness shut up within You to overflow into my soul, and that thus I may become a martyr of Your Love, O my God! May this martyrdom, after having prepared me to appear before You, finally cause me to die and may my soul take its flight without any delay into the eternal embrace of Your Merciful Love. I want, O my Beloved, at each beat of my heart to renew this offering to You an infinite number of times, until the shadows having disappeared, I may be able to tell You of my Love in an Eternal Face to Face!

Marie, Françoise, Thérèse of the Child Jesus  
and the Holy Face, unworthy Carmelite Religious,  
this 9th day of June, Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, In the Year of Grace 1895





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## Open House

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

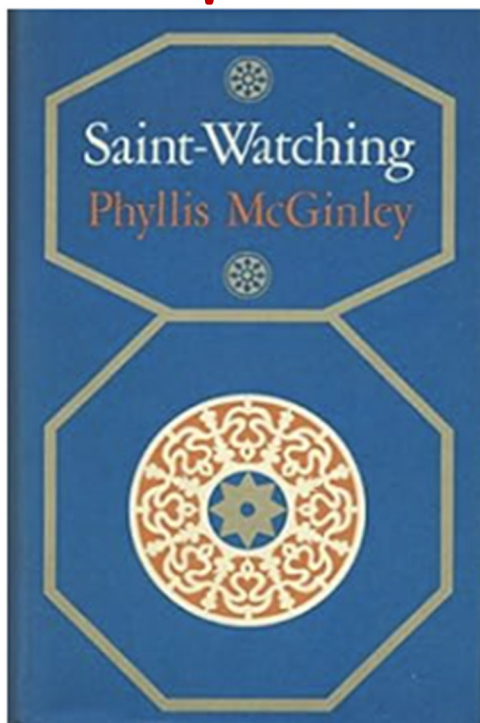
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## Fr. Stephen's Class: "Mystery of the Church"



Fr. Stephen's next class will be this Tuesday, January 28, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. The topic will be PART II of "The Church of the Saints and the Saints of the Church: Saint Watching."

*Saint Watching* is the title of a book written by Phyllis McGinley. McGinley's book humanizes the saints, making them more relatable. Though "Saint Watching" was written decades ago, its message remains timeless and reminds us that sanctity is not an unattainable ideal, but a path that is accessible to all who seek it with sincerity and dedication. Join us as we go "saint watching."

*"Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world"* (Philippians 2:14-15).

# Women's Retreat at El Carmelo

Join the women of St. Therese Church for our annual Lenten Retreat weekend at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands on **March 14-16, 2025**. The theme is, *"LORD, TEACH US HOW TO PRAY,"* and our retreat master will be Fr. Philip Sullivan, former pastor of our parish.

**Weekend Package: Friday night to Sunday afternoon**

**Double room occupancy (2 per room): \$230 each person, includes two nights & six meals**

**Single room occupancy (private room): \$260 each person, includes two nights & six meals**



A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is required to reserve your room. Check or money order payment only (VenMo, Zelle, or credit cards not accepted). Make checks payable to: El Carmelo Retreat House (memo: "Women's silent retreat, March 14-16, 2025).

The registration form can be found in the brochure located by the church entrances. Payment(s) can be mailed to the retreat captain, Chantal Richardson, 15730 Nelson Ave., City of Industry, CA 91744. If a registration form is unavailable or you would like more information please contact Chantal at [chantalmarierichardson@gmail.com](mailto:chantalmarierichardson@gmail.com) | (951) 743-8801 (call or text) \*\* You must be age 18 and older to attend\*\*

# PARISH CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY EUCHARIST

If you took home one of the free copies of the book, *"33 Days to Eucharistic Glory,"* and you would like to consecrate yourself to Jesus in the Eucharist, come to the 9:00 a.m. Mass **NEXT SUNDAY, February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus,** and stay after Mass.

Father will invite everyone there to come forward and pray the consecration prayer together. You will be inviting Jesus to help you love Him more, to encourage others to love Him more, and become empowered to share the truth about the "Source and Summit" of our Faith, the Holy Eucharist.



# Financial Offerings



January 18 / 19, 2025

Unrestricted.....	\$15,771.00
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<b>T O T A L.....</b>	<b>\$16,106.00</b>

December 21 / 22 .....	\$24,852.00
December 28 / 29 .....	\$28,935.00
January 4 / 5 .....	\$54,273.00
January 11 / 12 .....	\$18,441.00

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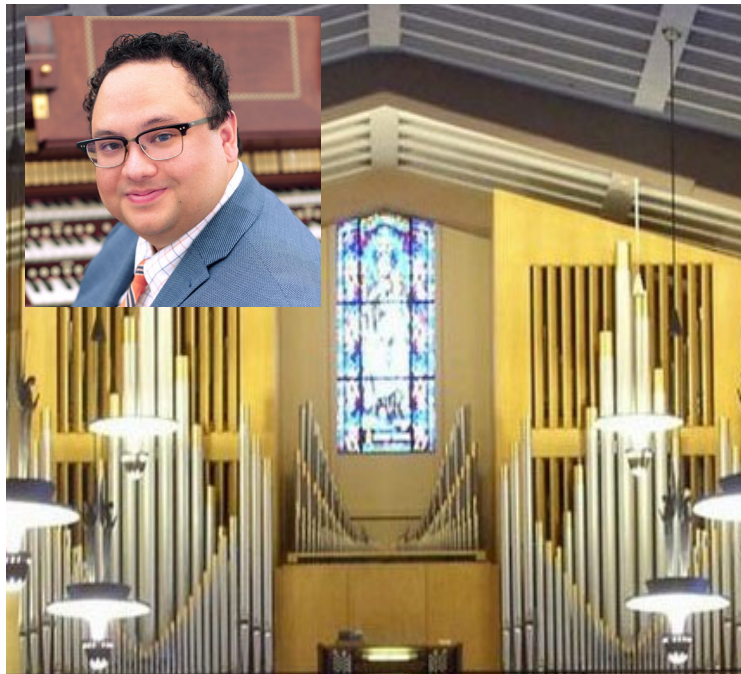
# CENTENNIAL FINALE: ORGAN CONCERT!

Join us **NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**, as we conclude our 100th anniversary year with an **ORGAN CONCERT** performed on our 72-rank Wicks/Schantz Pipe Organ!

**DAVID BALL**, Julliard-trained organist and the head of music ministry at Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove, will perform.

This free concert will be held on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, at **7:30 p.m.** in the church.

Join us after the concert for a...  
**A Cheese and Wine Reception  
 in the Guadalupe Courtyard!**



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS  
 TO THE  
**IMMACULATE  
 HEART OF MARY**

Mark your calendar for our next First Saturdays Devotion on February 1, 2025, and join us for the Rosary prayer and a 15-minutes meditation after the 8:00 a.m. Mass! For any questions, contact office at (626) 282-2744.

## THE POPES AND FATIMA

Pope Pius XII (Mar 2, 1876 – Oct 9, 1958). Papacy of 19 Years (1939 – 1958)

Pope Pius XII, a major Marian Pope, is considered the first “Fatima pope”.

- **May 13 1917** (the same day as the first apparition in Fatima): Pope Pius XII was consecrated as a titular Archbishop of Sardis in the Sistine Chapel
- **May 13, 1942**: the Vatican published the Message of Fatima and the first two of the three Fatima Secrets. Later that year, on October 31st, 1942, Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, responding to the requests of Our Lady in Fatima.
- **May 13, 1946**: Pope Pius XII sends cardinal Benedetto Masella to Fatima to crown the statue of Our Lady. This is the same crown that now contains the bullet St. John Paul II suffered and then brought to Fatima in 1982 to place in this crown.
- **October 13, 1958**, the anniversary of the last apparition in Fatima: Pope Pius XII’s burial took place.

“**Miracle of the Sun**”: At 4:00 p.m. on October 30, 1950, Pope Pius XII saw for the first time the “miracle of the sun;” he saw the same miracle again on October 31, November 1, and November 8. He took it as a divine sign endorsing the dogma of the Assumption of Mary, which he defined and proclaimed on Nov. 1.

# Deus Vocat (God is Calling)

**DEUS VOCAT** This new Parish Apostolate has been established to bring people together to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life and to provide programs for education and discernment of vocations.

**GOD IS CALLING**

You are invited to join us to pray for vocations every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Avila Room of the St. Therese Parish Office building (510 North El Molino Street).

If you are interested in becoming a member of *Deus Vocat*, please contact Francisco Alcala at (323) 497-4951 or Marcela Alcala at (626) 940-4899 | [marcelafigalcala@gmail.com](mailto:marcelafigalcala@gmail.com).

God Bless You!

# Disaster Relief California

The following is shared by Fr. David Guzman for those affected by the Eaton Canyon or Pacific Palisades Fires:



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Baptist Convention Disaster Relief California. They will systematically sort through ashes, searching for any property that may have survived the fire.



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# LOCAL SHELTER FOR EATON FIRE VICTIMS



In association with the San Gabriel Regional Pastoral Office, Pasadena's St. Philip Church's Newman Center has created a **SHELTER FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE EATON CANYON FIRE.**

**They are seeking VOLUNTEERS (must be Virtus certified and fingerprinted)** to take shifts at the shelter during the foreseeable future. **THEY ESPECIALLY NEED OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS.** There is a maximum of 15 volunteers per daytime shift and a minimum of two at night. If you can cover any of the shifts listed below, call (626) 793-0693,

ext. 111, or send an email to Krista at [kcorbello@stphiliptheapostle.org](mailto:kcorbello@stphiliptheapostle.org), letting her know which shift and on which day(s) you're able to help.

**9:00 AM - 1 PM Church Cleaning & Donation Support & Set-Up**

**1:00 PM - 5 PM Donation Support & Grocery Runs/Deliveries**

**5:00 PM - 8 PM Donation Support & Clean Up**

**9:00 PM (overnight) Overnight Stay\*: 1-2 volunteers**

\*Arrive at 9:00 p.m. and stay until 9:00 a.m. You will stay separately from the evacuees.



# Mass Intentions

**January 25—February 1, 2025**

**Saturday Evening:**

5:00 p.m.: Richard & Corinne Godlewski, RIP

**Sunday**

\*7:30 a.m.: Deacon Rex and Karen Owens, INT

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

9:00 a.m.: Carmelita Basco, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Chee Ling Woo, RIP

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

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

**Monday:**

6:00 a.m.: Leang Choung Ung, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Julia Munoz, RIP

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

**Tuesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Dennis Brundige, INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Stephen F. Watson OCD INT

8:00 a.m.: Dorothy Woo, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Mary Ann Siars, INT

**Wednesday:**

6:00 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

7:30 a.m.: Lois Derry, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Francisca & Jesus Santamaria, INT

**Thursday:**

6:00 a.m.: Xavier Singh, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Mary Yong, RIP

**Friday:**

6:00 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

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

8:00 a.m.: Theresa Schroepfer, INT

**Saturday (Morning):**

\*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community

8:00 a.m.: Atlas Chambliss & Family, INT

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

**\*Open to the public 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"!

# Pilgrimage

**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.

**"Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep"—for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!"**



***Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.***

**Some people God has designated in the Church to be, first, Apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues.**

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