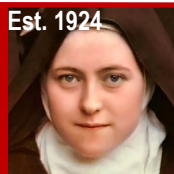


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St. Therese Catholic Church



September 7, 2025 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org



Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and He turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. **Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.** Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

(Luke 14:25-33)

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

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

Associate Pastors: Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, OCD

Fr. David Guzman, OCD X 1+232

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Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD

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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,

As we enter into this month of September, we remember some special events. On **September 14**, we will have the formal dedication of our new Centennial Statue of St. Therese after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, followed by a light reception of coffee and donuts in the hall.

Beginning on **September 22 and continuing through September 30**, we will have the preached novena of St. Therese in the evenings—given by Fr. Pier Giorgio, a friar from the Carmelite Eastern Province. Look in the bulletin for details. September 30, the last day of the Novena before her feast day, is the actual date of St. Therese's death. To enter into her last days, let us read about her trial of faith, which coincided with her terminal illness.

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD

The Trial of Faith - MANUSCRIPT C (4v-7v)

Introduction to the Text:

"The trial I am suffering for a year now" (Ms. C, 4v): this refers to the challenge to her faith that began around Easter of 1896 (in April). "You know about this trial" (Ms. C, 4v): Therese confirms that Mother Marie de Gonzague most likely already knew about the "trial of faith" that Mother Agnes only knew about in 1897.

"Last year" (Ms. C, 4v): we keep in mind that, apart from Marie de Gonzague, this account is addressed to Agnes of Jesus. "The fast of Lent in all its rigor" (Ms. C, 4v): nothing in the morning; a meal at 11:30 a.m., with soup, fish, vegetables, and dessert (cheese or fruit); no eggs or dairy products; all cooked in water or oil; and finally a small dish at 6:00 p.m., with six ounces of bread, no jam, and with raw or dried fruit.

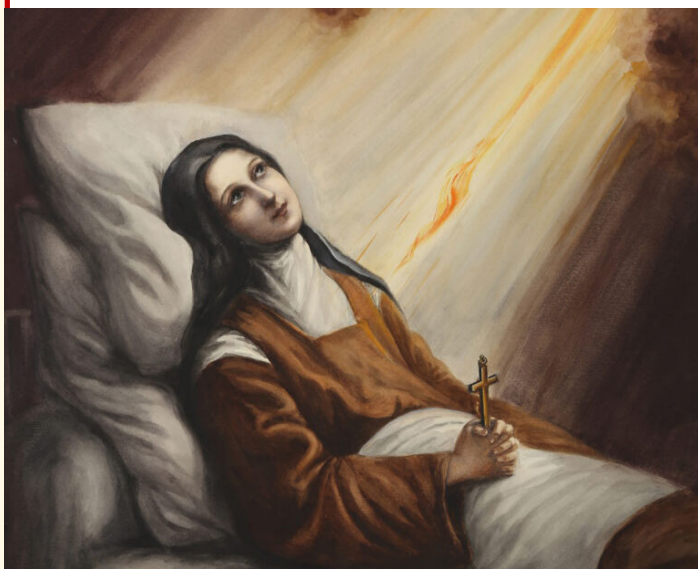
"On Good Friday" (Ms. C, 4v): Therese had her first hemoptysis during the night of the 2nd to 3rd of April 1895, then a second in the evening of Friday, April 3 (Good Friday). A hemoptysis is a symptom manifested by the emission of blood during a fit of coughing, one of the symptoms of tuberculosis.

"My soul was flooded with joy" (Ms. C, 4v): the theme of this whole paragraph does not conceal the happiness felt by Therese at this signal of her approaching death. "A country covered in thick fog" (Ms. C, 5v): one needs to know the town of Lisieux and particularly the basin where the Carmel is

located, beside a little stream. At times, you cannot see the building in front of your own! "She begs pardon for her brothers" (Ms. C, 6r): in January 1897, for the first time, Therese designates sinners as her brothers, in Poem 46.

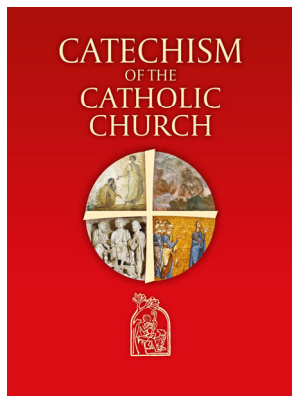
"She is resigned . . . she does not wish to rise up from this table" (Ms. C, 6r): this is the total acceptance of her vocation that she had foreseen in 1887, with the Pranzini case (cf. Ms. A, 45v). "Without becoming discouraged" (Ms. C, 6v): always the Theresian tenacity, she is never discouraged. "I fear I might blaspheme" (Ms. C, 7r): Therese's feelings are so horrified, that this is the only time she uses this word in all her writings.

"Loving to the point of dying of love" (Ms. C, 7v): the graphic emotion of these last lines show Therese's exhaustion, who in fact was working in bed (on a very hard, straw mattress).



Painted by Sr. Marie of the Holy Spirit, OCD
(using Celine's charcoal drawing as her model)

FR. STEPHEN'S SERIES OF CLASSES: The Catechism of the Catholic Church



Fr. Stephen's next Adult Education course for the 2025-2026 year will be on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The first of these classes will **begin THIS WEEK, Tuesday, September 9, with the second class on Tuesday, September 16—from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish**

Meeting Room.

Thereafter, classes will take place twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. (Note: The reason the first two classes will be in held two weeks in a row is because we will have a special Novena of Masses from September 22 through September 30).

St. Pope John Paul II said the Catechism is an "authoritative instrument" for pastors and the faithful and a "valuable help in fulfilling the mission they have received," according to the USCCB. He also stated that together with the reformed liturgy and the Code of Canon Law, the Catechism forms the "firm foundation of the ecclesial renewal which the Council initiated."

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Tara Holley from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

Digital advertising allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!



Tara Holley
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DEDICATION OF THE NEW STATUE OF ST. THERESE

Next Sunday, **September 14, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass**, Fr. Peter Mary will dedicate the new statue of St. Therese that has just been installed in front of the church.

This statue is a replica of the statue of St. Therese that is in Lisieux, France. We thank Parishioner John Paul Talbot for the landscaping around the statue!

Following the dedication, you are invited to the Parish Hall for a reception with coffee and donuts.



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON | BOUTIQUE

The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary invites you to their annual Holiday Luncheon and Boutique on **Thursday, October 16 (10:30 am: Boutique and Social Hour | Noon: Luncheon)**. This year's event will be at a new location: **Church of Our Savior, 535 W. Roses Road, San Gabriel.**

The event includes a Treasure Sale, a 50/50 raffle, and a Silent Auction! Also available for purchase will be the Nuns' specialty breads, candy, nuts, handmade items, plants, and holiday gift items.

Please **RSVP by October 6 by sending a check** (made payable to Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary) for **\$45 per person to: Kathy Cardoza, 710 Lindaraxa Park South, Alhambra 91801.** For questions, call Kathy at (626) 570-9012.

Include your name and any guests' names and your phone number.



Preached Novena of Masses to Prepare for Feast of St. Therese



We will have a preached Novena of Masses to prepare for the Feast of St. Therese on October 1. The Novena will be held in the evenings from **September 22 through September 30**, followed by the **Feast Day Mass on October 1**.

Fr. Pier Giorgio, OCD, a friar from the Discalced Carmelite Friars of the Eastern Province, will be the celebrant for the Novena and for the Feast Day. He will preach about St. Therese and celebrate the Mass each evening.

The Masses will be held at **7:15 p.m. on weekdays and at 5:00 p.m. on the weekend of September 27 and 28**. This is also a wonderful preparation for the arrival of her relics

HOLY MASS
AND NOVENA

TO ST. THÉRÈSE
OF LISEUX



LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

You may still register this week for both children's and adult's Religious Education Classes. **The final day to register will be Sunday, September 14**. After that date, no registrations will be accepted. You may register online, in the Parish Office building during regular hours, or in the next class of the program you wish to join.

The next classes for each program are as follows (you may register just prior to class—but **not after September 14**):

- Elementary Grades: Sunday, September 7, 10:15 to 11:45 a.m.
- High School Confirmation: Wednesday, September 10, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., in the School classrooms (first class was September 3)
- Adults' OCIA: Either **Thursday, September 11**, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Mt. Carmel Room in the Parish Office building (510 North El Molino) OR **Saturday, September 13**, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in the Mt Carmel Room.

Religious Education
Classes

LAST CHANCE
TO REGISTER!

Financial Offerings

The totals for the donations of the weekend of August 30 and 31 were not available as this bulletin had to be sent in early due to the Labor Day holiday. The totals will be available in the bulletin of September 14, 2025.

August 2 / 3	\$17,233.00
August 9 / 10	\$18,800.00
August 16 / 17	\$16,647.00
August 23 / 24	\$25,600.00

CHECK USERS:
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Safeguard the Children

Downloading apps: If your child has a mobile phone or tablet, you should know what apps he or she is downloading. There are several apps designed to hide photos and videos, that are protected by security features like passwords, fingerprints or face ID. These apps may not be immediately obvious, as they're designed to be hidden. Set up a shared log-in or account allowing you to prevent anything from being loaded to your child's phone without your knowledge. For more tips, read the article "Do You Know What's Dwelling On Your Child's Phone?" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

COME AND SEE!

St. Therese Parish Choir resumes rehearsals for the 2025-2026 liturgical year on **Wednesdays, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Choir Room** (in the church basement). Our first 11:00 a.m. Mass will be September 14, celebrating the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. On October 11 and 12, the Choir will sing for two of the Masses offered during the visitation of the relics of St. Therese.

On November 2, All Souls' Day, the Choir sings the Fauré Requiem at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. For the Midnight and 11:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day, the Choir performs a special program before Mass begins.

If you have sung in a high school, college, community, or parish choir before, consider offering your time and talent to this beautiful parish of St. Therese.

Contact Charlotte Lansberg
credochoir1@gmail.com
626-282-2744 ex 112



Showers (of Roses) Expected in Five Weeks!



The Relics of St. Thérèse Are Coming!

In just five weeks, the relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux will arrive to St. Therese—and she's ready to let rain down upon us a new "shower of roses" full of heavenly graces!

St. Thérèse is known for her powerful intercession, especially in bringing souls back to the Church, inspiring conversions,

healing, vocations, and countless quiet miracles. Our world is in need of her "Little Way" now more than ever. Donations of any size are gratefully welcomed to help support this beautiful event. For the full national and local schedule, visit: <https://StThereseUSA2025.com>.

Large crowds are expected, and volunteers are needed, especially for hospitality and welcoming. **To sign up, please scan the QR code in the bottom right corner of this notice for the sign up form.** IF for some reason you cannot access it, then SEND A TEXT TO Amber at (626) 840-7250 (no calls please).



"God is all mercy and love."

"I will come down... I will let fall a shower of roses."

—St. Thérèse



"O sublime humility! O humble sublimity! That the Lord of the whole universe, God and the Son of God, should humble Himself like this and hide under the form of a little bread, for our salvation."

St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – Oct 3, 1226 - Feast day October 4)

St. Francis of Assisi, one of our most beloved saints, is perhaps best known for his appreciation of nature and animals. He should however, be recognized even more for his love of Jesus in the Eucharist, as that was one of the most important aspects of his spirituality and a major theme of his writings.

Because of St. Francis' devotion to the Eucharist, he wanted churches to be clean, in good repair, and beautiful to honor Jesus. After his conversion, he donated money and sacred vessels to poor churches in honor of Jesus' Presence there. He spent much of his time in prayer in the Church of San Damiano, and one of his early works of charity was to repair churches. Although he greatly valued poverty and did not spend money on himself, he wanted the best, most beautiful sacred vessels to be used in churches.

Catholics may assume there was great reverence toward Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in the Middle Ages, but there were problems then as well. In his letters and other writings, St. Francis frequently refers to the need to show great respect for the most holy body and blood of the Lord who gives himself completely to us.



Mass Intentions

September 6—September 13, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Josie Villacorta, RIP

Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m.: Ronaldo Cuarto, RIP

9:00 a.m.: All Humanity & Thanksgiving for
God's Creation, INT

11:00 a.m.: Claudia Vargas, INT

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Chris Holman, B-Day INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Carlos Ibarra Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Elizabeth, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Kay Tittmann, B-Day INT

7:15pm Therese Huyen-Duong Thi Vu— Bday

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Robert & Community, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Nina Cox, B-Day INT

7:15 p.m.: Virgilio Lopez, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Ruben Ruvalcaba, INT

7:30 a.m.: Fred Bunsic, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Rosalinda de Leon, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Ernest & Denise Holguin, INT

7:30 a.m.: David Steele, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Jose Manuel Calderon Corrales RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Sr. Christine, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Raymond Siy, INT

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Isaias Diokno, RIP

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel
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**(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

SAN GABRIEL MISSION CEMETERY: SALES OF NEW COLUMBARIUM NICHES! The sale of niches for the next phase of San Gabriel Mission Cemetery Columbarium continues to take place. If you would like to obtain detailed information or set up an appointment, please contact Gloria Reynoso at (626) 457-3035. The office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. (closed between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m.).

MARYKNOLL GUILD FAMILY FUN DAY (300 Norumbega Drive, Monrovia) on Sunday, September 21, from Noon to 4:00 p.m., with bingo and burgers. Includes a Boutique, Children's Fun Zone, Raffle, and more. For more info, call Patti Tellez at (626) 622-9586.

SACRED HEART RETREAT HOUSE—just down the street from St. Therese—invites women, men, married couples, and young adults to join one of the many retreats offered there 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](https://facebook.com/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.

SEATS ARE FILLING FAST FOR THE 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.

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