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St. Therese Catholic Church



April 12, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org



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



ONLINE GIVING

Please consider a gift to St. Therese Church.

Open your banking app and scan this Zelle QR code. Use email 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,

A very Blessed Easter Season and Divine Mercy Sunday to you all!

Our Parish has much to rejoice in, but especially in this time: **receiving 26 new catechumens into the Church at Easter!** This is part of a much larger work of God happening throughout the Archdiocese and the world. **The Archdiocese of Los Angeles received almost 8,600 newly initiated Catholics at Easter while the country of France received over 21,000!** God is doing something incredible and amazing! Now, the Church stands at over 1.4 billion Catholics throughout the world! This is ultimately a testament to God's incredible mercy on mankind.

And who better to teach us about this mercy than one of the great apostles of mercy, **St. John Paul II.** Below is an excerpt of a homily given by him on Divine Mercy Sunday 2001.

—Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D.

"Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy."



We are celebrating the Second Sunday of Easter which, since last year, the year of the Great Jubilee, is also called "Divine Mercy Sunday." It is a great joy for me to be able to join all of you who have come from various nations to commemorate the canonization of Sr. Faustina Kowalska, witness and messenger of the Lord's merciful love. The elevation to the honors of the altar of this humble religious, a daughter of my land, is not only a gift for Poland but for all humanity. Indeed, the message she brought is the appropriate and incisive answer that God wanted to offer to the questions and expectations of human beings in our time. Jesus said to Sr. Faustina: *"Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy"* (Diary, p. 132). Divine Mercy is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium.

Today's Gospel (John 20:19-31) helps us to grasp the full sense and value of this gift. The Evangelist John makes us share in the emotion felt by the Apostles in their meeting with Christ after His Resurrection. Our attention focuses on the gesture of the Master, who transmits to the fearful, astounded disciples the mission of being ministers of Divine Mercy. He shows them the marks in His hands and His side, saying: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." Then, He breathed on them, and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Jesus entrusted to them the gift of "forgiving sins," a gift that flows from His wounds, especially from His pierced side. From there, mercy is poured out over all humanity.

Let us relive this moment with great spiritual intensity. Today the Lord also shows **us** His glorious wounds and His heart, an inexhaustible source of love and forgiveness. Through the mystery of His wounded heart, the restorative tide of God's merciful love continues to spread over the men and women of our time. Here alone can those who long for true happiness find its secret. **"Jesus, I trust in you."** This prayer clearly expresses the attitude with which we too would like to abandon ourselves trustfully in His hands, our only Savior. He is burning with the desire to be loved and those in tune with the sentiments of His Heart learn how to build the new civilization of love. A simple act of abandonment is enough to overcome the barriers of sorrow and desperation. The rays of His Divine Mercy restore hope, in a special way, to those who feel overwhelmed by the burden of sin.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, help us always to have this trust in your Son, our Redeemer. Help us too, St. Faustina, whom we remember today with special affection. Fixing our weak gaze on the divine Savior's face, we would like to repeat with you: "Jesus, I trust in you." Now and forever.





**SUNDAY,
APRIL 12,
2026**



**JOIN US
IN THE
CHURCH
TO
PRAY FOR
DIVINE
MERCY!**



**3:00 TO
4:00 P.M.:**

- EXPOSITION**
- HOLY HOUR**
- CONFESSION**
- CHAPLET
OF MERCY**
- TALK BY
DEACON GIL
VARGAS ON
"MERCY
& HOPE"**
- BENEDICTION**



Financial Offerings



April 4 / 5, 2026 (Easter Sunday)

Unrestricted..... \$40,138.00
 Restricted \$ 140.00
T O T A L.....\$40,278.00

March 7 / 8 \$11,739.00
 March 14 / 15 \$19,260.00
 March 21 / 22 \$15,966.00
 March 28 / 29 \$21,015.00

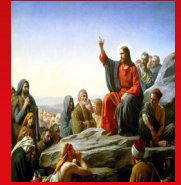
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Fr. Stephen's Next Class in His Catechism Series

Fr. Stephen's next class will be **THIS TUESDAY, APRIL 14—from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. This class will begin Part IV of the Catechism, which is on Prayer. On the 14th, Fr. Stephen will speak on the *Our Father*.** Each class stands on its own, so you may join at any time.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that the *Our Father* is the heart and model of all Christian prayer, calling it "the summary of the whole Gospel." It explains that Jesus gave this prayer in response to the disciples' request to be taught how to pray, entrusting it to the Church as the fundamental expression of a child's relationship with God as Father. In the Catechism's treatment, the *Our Father* places believers at the center of the Scriptures and of Christian life: its petitions first direct the heart toward God's holiness, Kingdom, and will, and then toward human needs such as daily sustenance, forgiveness, and deliverance from evil. The Catechism emphasizes that this prayer not only teaches what to ask for, but how to desire rightly, shaping the believer's trust, humility, and communion with God and with others (CCC 2759–2763, 2761 in particular). **All adults are welcome to attend!**

CATECHISM
OF THE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WHEELCHAIR MISSION

April 11 & 12, 2026



The Knights of Columbus will be outside the church after all of **THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES** to accept donations to help provide wheelchairs for those who cannot afford one. Please stop and make a donation!

The Knights have partnered with the American Wheelchair Mission to obtain these wheelchairs at a deeply-discounted price for children, teens, and adults who lack the freedom of mobility.

The Global Wheelchair Mission is a perfect opportunity to put your faith in action through assisting the Knights with this charitable work. Since 2003, the Knights have sponsored the delivery of tens of thousands of wheelchairs around the world!



For more info, go to
www.kofc.org/wheelchair.

The Flame of Love: The Greatest Gift of Grace for Our Time



"The grace from the Flame of Love of My Mother's Immaculate Heart will be to your generation what Noah's Ark was to his generation."

--Jesus to Elizabeth Kindelmann, Third Order Carmelite



February 10, 1963: I started to feel cold. I did not spend much time in prayer because our church is very cold and made out of cement. However, the Lord Jesus, almost begging me, insisted that I stay.



—Jesus: "Do not leave Me now. I am alone and without consolation. Oh, how often I am alone!" He then asked: "Tell Me, since I have been sharing My house with you and I have granted you entry at any time, when you came to Me, have you ever encountered anybody in My house?" With my head down, I tried to remember. "No one, Lord! During this time, I saw no one." His sadness broke my heart. He continued to ask, "You see why I say, 'Do not leave Me alone!' Let Me give you abundant graces which are stored up in the immeasurable love of My Heart. May our souls be in harmony. May our hearts beat to the same rhythm. . . ."

Reference: *Building on Solid Rock Flame of Love Retreats, Session 4* at <https://flameoflove.us/building-on-solid-rock/> - with quotes from "The Spiritual Diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann."

Join the Cenacle: Two cenacle sessions are available in the Avila Room every **Monday—one from Noon to 2:00 p.m.; the other one from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** For more info, please contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.



Saint Therese Carmelite School

Faith  Academics  Virtue

Spring Rummage Sale!

Saturday, April 25: 8 am - 5 pm

Sunday, April 26: 8 am - 3 pm



Come find treasures for low prices. The school will be hosting their Spring rummage sale in two weeks! Come one, come all, and snatch things up before they sell out!

Donation Drop-Off Interested in donating items?

We accept the following items in good and clean condition: Clothes, accessories, household decor, small household appliances (blenders, pressure cookers, slow cookers, etc.), books, toys, furniture. All fine jewelry and collectibles should be dropped off directly to the office.

We do NOT accept the following:
Large electronics, (printers, fax machines, computers, TVs, etc.), car parts

We will be accepting donations on Wednesday, April 22, through Friday, April 24, from 3-5 p.m..

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Shower of Roses

Annual Benefit Luncheon

"A Time For Love & Grace"



The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns Auxiliary
Invites you and your guests to attend the

Luncheon & Fashion Show

Thursday, April 30, 2026

10:30 a.m. - Social Hour

RAFFLE DRAWINGS | OPPORTUNITY PRIZES | SILENT AUCTION

12:00 p.m. - Luncheon

The fee is \$85 per person
RSVP by April 15 to Sue Fulps
at (626) 285-4649

Make checks payable to:
Cloistered Carmelite
Nuns' Auxiliary

Mail check to: Sue Fulps
8729 East Ardendale Avenue
San Gabriel CA 91775

San Gabriel Country Club

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San Gabriel, California 91775

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"Peace Be With You: A Meditation on the Voice of Jesus"

The evening shadows had already gathered when I came to them. The doors were locked, not only with wood and iron, but with fear—fear of what might come next, fear of what they had lost, fear of what they believed they had failed to be. They whispered in anxious tones, each one carrying the weight of the last few days, like a stone in the chest. I did not knock. I did not wait for them to be ready. Love rarely waits for readiness. I simply stood among them. And I spoke the words their hearts had been aching for: "Peace be with you."

Not a peace the world gives—fragile, conditional, easily broken—but the peace that flows from the Father's heart, the peace that steadies trembling hands and quiets the storm inside the soul. I watched their eyes widen, their breath catch, their minds struggle to reconcile memory with miracle. They needed more than words. They needed to touch the truth. So, I showed them my hands. I showed them my side. The wounds remained—not as signs of defeat, but as the everlasting doors through which my Mercy enters the world. Joy rose in them like dawn breaking over the horizon. Their fear loosened its grip. Their hope, once buried, began to breathe again.

Then I breathed on them.

The breath that stirred the waters at creation, the breath that filled Adam with life, the breath that carried prophets into their calling—I breathed that same breath upon them. "**Receive the Holy Spirit.**" This was not a moment of comfort alone; it was a commissioning. I was sending them into the world not as frightened followers, but as bearers of forgiveness, ambassadors of reconciliation, witnesses of a love stronger than death.

But Thomas was not there.

He carried his own wounds—questions, disappointments, the ache of wanting to believe but not knowing how. When he heard the others speak of seeing Me, his heart tightened. He wanted certainty, not stories. He wanted encounter, not echoes. I honored that longing. Eight days later, I returned. Again, the doors were shut. Again, fear lingered. Again, I stood among them and offered the same gift:

"Peace be with you."

Then I turned to Thomas—not with rebuke, but with tenderness. I invited him to touch the places where love had paid its price. I invited him to place his hand in the very mystery he struggled to trust. "Do not be unbelieving," I whispered, "but believe." His confession rose like a prayer that had been waiting its whole life to be spoken: "**My Lord and my God.**" I received his words with joy. And I blessed not only him, but all who would come after him—all who would believe without seeing, all who would trust the testimony of hearts transformed by grace.

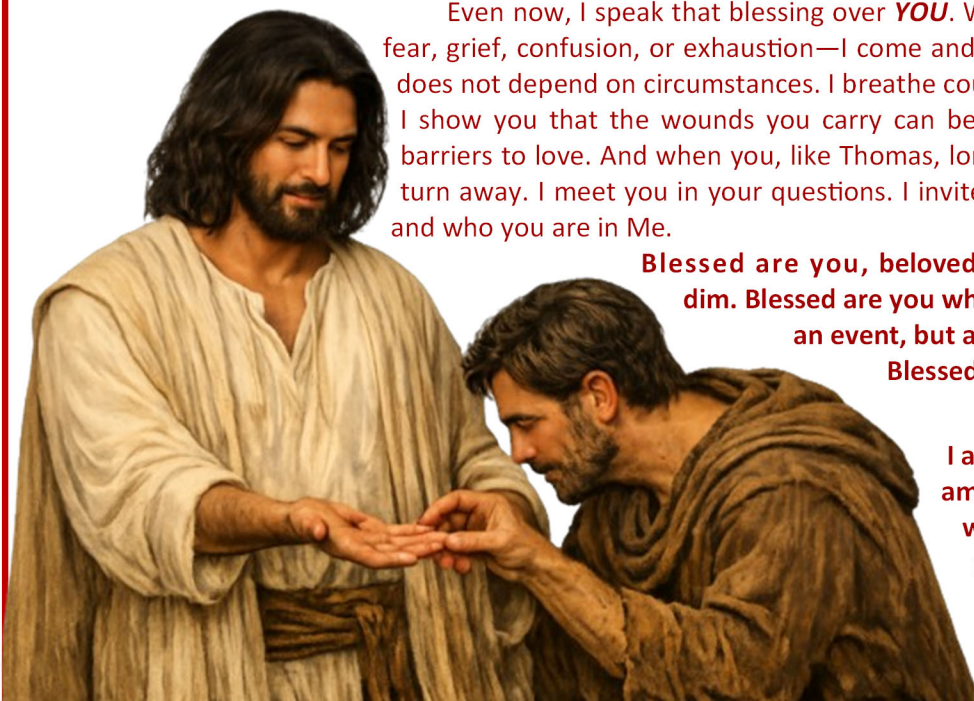
Even now, I speak that blessing over **YOU**. When your own doors are locked—by fear, grief, confusion, or exhaustion—I come and stand beside you. I bring peace that does not depend on circumstances. I breathe courage into the places that feel empty. I show you that the wounds you carry can become openings for compassion, not barriers to love. And when you, like Thomas, long for clarity or reassurance, I do not turn away. I meet you in your questions. I invite you to touch the truth of who I am and who you are in Me.

Blessed are you, beloved, who believe even when the path is dim. Blessed are you who trust that resurrection is not only an event, but a promise unfolding in your life.

Blessed are you who open your heart to My peace, again and again.

I am with you in every locked room. I am with you in every rising dawn. I am with you, breathing life, speaking peace, offering mercy without end. Peace be with you.

Always.



Mass Intentions

April 11—April 18, 2026

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass

5:00 p.m.: Maru Lazatin, Birthday INT

Divine Mercy Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Susan Morgan, INT

7:30 a.m.: Edward Morales, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 am: Easter Novena #7

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Mr. & Mrs. Amir Moh, INT

5:00 p.m.: Anita Lim, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Justin Torres, OATH, B-day INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Easter Novena #8

7:15 p.m.: Fermin de Jesus, RIP

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

6:00 a.m.: Easter Novena #9

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

8:00 a.m.: Thelma M. Piol, Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: Ebner & Raquel Sobalvarro, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Michael Joseph Gamerl, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Susan Morgan, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Angie Hernandez, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Zulma Ken Zelman, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Engracia P. Vales, RIP

8:00 a.m.: The Torres Family, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Mary Brown, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Rachelle Ailene Sy, INT

8:00 a.m.: Aiden & Benjamin Arakawa, INT

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Bernardo Sen Bin Go, 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"!

Pilgrimages

For the complete itineraries and applications for each of the following pilgrimages, go to the home page of our website and scroll down to the **OUTSIDE THE PARISH** section.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE with Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, from November 22—December 3, 2026. Walk in the footsteps of Jesus as we travel through 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 so much more! **REDUCED PRICE:** \$4,599 each (from LAX). Contact: Albert or Mary Helen Estrada at (626) 533-4839.



CARMELITE-INSPIRED PILGRIMAGE to Italy, Greece & Ephesus from July 9-18, 2026: Land Tour cost with three one-way inter-European flights: \$4350. Includes 9 nights at 3-4 star hotels, private bath, breakfast & dinner, private motorcoach or van, all touring on program, entrance fees to all sites per itinerary, tour chaplain & daily Holy Mass. Additional Costs: Overseas flights (LAX round trip to Rome, Italy). As of now, the non-stop airfare varies from \$1000 (economy) to \$2600 (Premier) on Norse Atlantic. Sign-up deadline: April 30, 2026. 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.

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD; HIS LOVE
ENDURES FOREVER.
I CHRONICLES 16:34

