



# St. Therese Catholic Church



May 17, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | [www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org](http://www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org)



As He was being lifted up, two men dressed in white stood beside them and said, "Men of Galilee, why are you looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up will return in the same way as you have seen Him going into Heaven" (Acts 1:10-11).

## 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

(626) 289-3364

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

Principal: Alma Cornejo X 1 + 661

[principal@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com](mailto:principal@sainttheresecarmeliteschool.com)

## 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](mailto:donateSTC@gmail.com). If asked, the recipient is THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF LA ST THERESE CHU.



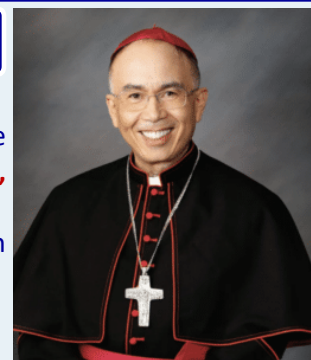
# PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

Please remember our Confirmandi in prayer, both youth and adults, as they receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Nunes at the 9:00 a.m. Mass today, May 17th, Ascension Sunday**—and the anniversary of St. Therese's canonization.

Let us continue hearing about Our Blessed Mother, in this her month, from St. John Paul II's encyclical on Mary, ***Redemptoris Mater***.

—Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D.



The Gospel of Luke records the moment when "a woman in the crowd raised her voice" and said to Jesus, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" (Luke 11:27). These words were an expression of praise of Mary as Jesus' mother, according to the flesh. Probably the Mother of Jesus was not personally known to this woman; in fact, when Jesus began His messianic activity, Mary did not accompany Him but continued to remain at Nazareth. One could say that the words of that unknown woman in a way brought Mary out of her hiddenness. But to the blessing uttered by that woman upon her who was His mother, Jesus replies in a significant way: "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it" (Luke 11:28). He wishes to divert attention from motherhood understood only as a fleshly bond, in order to direct it towards those mysterious bonds of the spirit which develop from hearing and keeping God's word.

Is Jesus thereby distancing Himself from His mother? Does He perhaps wish to leave her in the hidden obscurity which she herself has chosen? If this seems to be the case from the tone of those words, one must nevertheless note that the new and different motherhood which Jesus speaks of to His disciples refers precisely to Mary in a very special way. Is not Mary the first of "those who hear the word of God and do it"? And therefore does not the blessing uttered by Jesus in response to the woman in the crowd refer primarily to her? Without any doubt, Mary is worthy of blessing by the very fact that she became the mother of Jesus according to the flesh ("Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked"), but also and especially because already at the Annunciation she accepted the word of God, because she believed it, because she was obedient to God, and because she "kept" the word and "pondered it in her heart" (Luke 1:38, 45; 2:19, 51).



Thus, we can say that the blessing proclaimed by Jesus is not in opposition, despite appearances, to the blessing uttered by the unknown woman, but rather coincides with that blessing in the person of this Virgin Mother, who called herself only "the handmaid of the Lord" (Luke 1:38). If it is true that "all generations will call (her) blessed" (Luke 1:48), then it can be said that the unnamed woman was the first to confirm unwittingly that prophetic phrase of Mary's Magnificat and to begin the Magnificat of the ages.

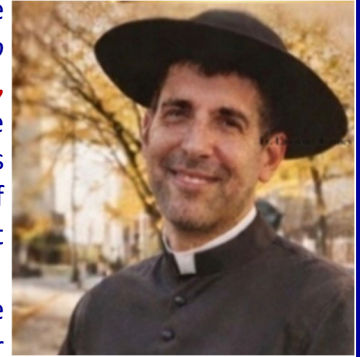
If through faith Mary became the bearer of the Son given to her by the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit, while preserving her virginity intact, in that same faith she discovered and accepted the other dimension of motherhood revealed by Jesus during His messianic mission. One can say that this dimension of motherhood belonged to Mary from the beginning; that is to say, from the moment of the conception and birth of her Son. From that time she was "the one who believed." But as the messianic mission of her Son grew clearer to her eyes and spirit, she herself, as a mother, became ever more open to that new dimension of motherhood which was to constitute her "part" beside her Son.

Had she not said from the very beginning: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done unto me according to your word" (Luke 1:38)? Through faith Mary continued to hear and to ponder that word, in which there became ever clearer, in a way "which surpasses knowledge" (Ephesians 3:19), the self-revelation of the living God. Thus, in a sense, Mary as Mother became the first "disciple" of her Son, the first to whom He seemed to say: "Follow me," even before He addressed this call to the Apostles or to anyone else (John 1:43).

# DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE Conference May 17 through May 21, 2026, in our Church



My Remnant Army has arranged for Fr. Lawrence Carney, the author of *"The Secret of The Holy Face: The Devotion Destined to Save Society,"* to be with us starting **UNEXT SUNDAY, MAY 17, THROUGH THURSDAY, MAY 21,** to give a talk each night on the Secrets of the Holy Face. This Conference is just one of his stops on his Tour of Southern California to promote the Holy Face of Jesus. The admission will be \$10 per evening. Register at [www.myremnantarmy.com](http://www.myremnantarmy.com) (click on "events").



Fr. Carney is the chaplain of the Benedictines of Mary since 2014 and is the founder of St. Martin's League, a pious association that prays for reverence, reparation, and reversion—the chief goals being enrollment in the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face and the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary.

**Starts Tonight,  
May 17!**

### Daily Schedule:

6:30 PM – Check-in (in front of the church)    6:45 PM – Talk begins    9:00 PM – Conclusion

Admission: \$10 daily—Register at [www.myremnantarmy.com](http://www.myremnantarmy.com) (click on events)

**Please note: Holy Mass will not be offered during these sessions.**

**CATHOLIC MERCHANDISE** will be available, along with a book signing each evening. A love offering is appreciated to support Fr. Carney's ministry.

**CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FACE:** Fr. Carney will consecrate those completing the 33-Day Total Consecration to the Holy Face on **Monday, May 18, 2026.** To join the Consecration, please email: [Info@myremnantarmy.com](mailto:Info@myremnantarmy.com) for the private link.



## Saint Therese Carmelite School Faith Academics Virtue

SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL WELCOMES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL

# SPRING CONCERT

MAY 21, 2026 | 6:30 PM  
St. Therese Parish Hall





**THIS TUESDAY, MAY 19,**  
is the final presentation  
in the 2026 Series...  
Don't miss it!

## THE CALL OF GOD SERIES

Is God calling you?

Come hear how God is working in these people's lives.



**Celia Parker**

I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.  
- Psalm 40:1-2

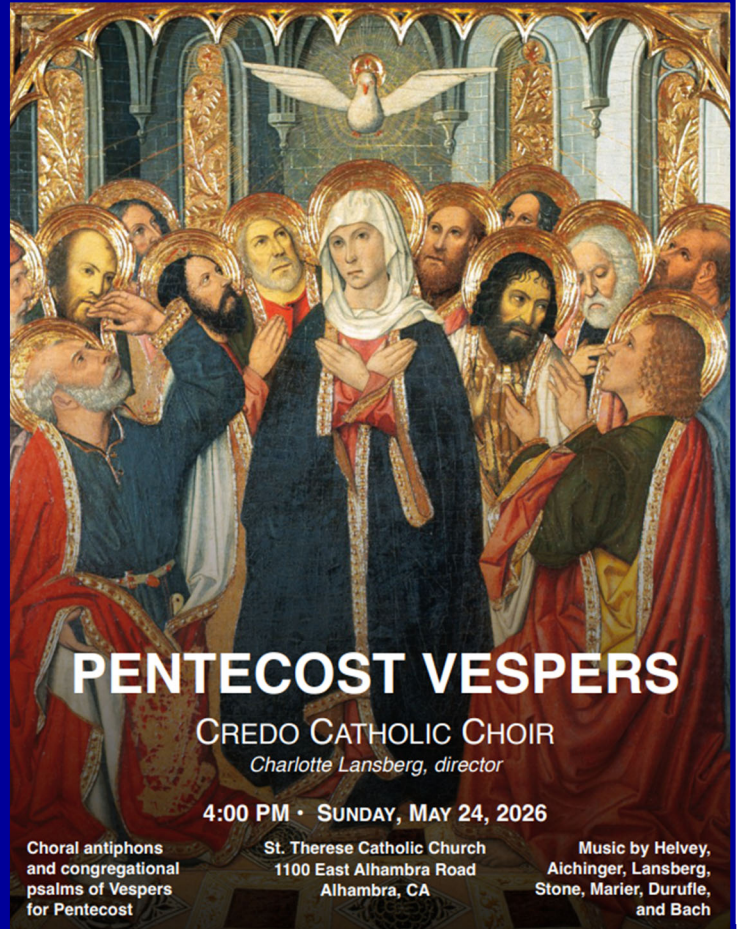


**Dan Johnson**

Trials and tribulations offer us a chance to make reparation for our past faults and sins. On such occasions, the Lord comes to us like a physician to heal the wounds left by our sins. For us, tribulation is the divine medicine.  
- Saint Augustine

Talk: Series 6  
Date: Tuesday, May 19th, 2026  
Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm  
Place: St. Therese Parish Hall  
1100 East Alhambra Road  
Alhambra, CA 91801

Testimonies + Fellowship + Light Snacks



## PENTECOST VESPERS

CREDO CATHOLIC CHOIR  
*Charlotte Lansberg, director*

4:00 PM • SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

Choral antiphons  
and congregational  
psalms of Vespers  
for Pentecost

St. Therese Catholic Church  
1100 East Alhambra Road  
Alhambra, CA

Music by Helvey,  
Aichinger, Lansberg,  
Stone, Marier, Duruffe,  
and Bach

ST. THERESE PARISH MOVIE NIGHT PRESENTS...

## OF GODS AND MEN

ON OUR OUTDOOR BIG SCREEN

Saturday, May 30, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.



A French drama based on the true story of Trappist monks  
in 1990s Algeria  
Faith, Friendship & Sacrifice in a Time of Crisis

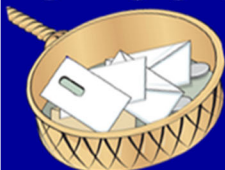
## MOVIE NIGHT: Of Gods and Men on May 30

Our next Movie Night on our OUTDOOR BIG SCREEN will be **Saturday, May 30, beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the parking lot.**

We will be showing **OF GODS AND MEN**, a true story of eight French Trappist monks in 1990s Algeria. Amidst the rising violence of the Algerian Civil War, the monks must decide whether to flee or stay to support the local community they serve, ultimately facing a profound crisis of faith and mortality.

**(Due to intense scenes, not recommended for children.)**

# Financial Offerings



May 9 / 10, 2026

Unrestricted..... \$22,494.00  
Restricted ..... \$ 415.00  
TOTAL..... \$22,909.00

April 11 / 12 ..... \$16,245.00  
April 18 19 ..... \$25,011.00  
April 25/26 ..... \$20,186.00  
May 2 / 3 ..... \$54,809.00

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

# CARMELITES IN REDLANDS

## FRIARS AWAY

This is the second and last week of the Carmelite Friars' Provincial Chapter in Redlands. **They will**

**be away from St. Therese from Monday morning, May 18, through Thursday evening, May 22.**

Fr. David Guzman will remain here and will have assistance with the Masses and confessions from **Fr. Darrin Merlino, CMF (San Gabriel Mission) and Fr. Daniel Lopez (Holy Family in Glendale).**

The schedule will remain the same, except as follows:

- **NO evening Masses on Monday, May 18, or on Tuesday, May 19**
- **NO Holy Hour on Thursday, May 21**

# REST IN PEACE, ALICE CHEUNG

Alice Cheung, a long-time parishioner and former School parent (her daughter Rainbow was a student), died on May 3rd. Although she continued to lector here at St Therese, she had moved to a Downtown condo and was a "dual-parishioner" of both St. Therese **and** the Cathedral of the Angels. **Her funeral will take place at the Cathedral on Friday, May 29, beginning at 9:30 a.m. All who remember her are welcomed to attend.** Following the Mass, there will be an interment in the mausoleum of the Cathedral.



Alice not only lectored here at St. Therese Church, but she was also in charge of scheduling the lectors for our Sunday Masses. She was also involved in other Parish groups and was a Eucharistic adorer. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

**GPS | Guadalupe**  
Pregnancy Center Services

**DAUGHTERS OF THE MOST HIGH**

**Mother's Day Baby Bottle & Baby Shower Outreach** GPS volunteers will be outside the church after all the Masses on **May 30th/31st** to collect the filled baby bottles (they were distributed on May 2/3).

### "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!**

You're invited to join our women's ministry focused on healing the feminine genius. This season we will dive into **LOVED AS I AM** by Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT.

Come as you are, bring a friend, and grow with us in faith, healing, and truth. We welcome women of ALL ages, with a heart for young adult women. **Our next weekly gathering will be Saturday, May 23, at 11:00 a.m., in the Avila Room** (in the Parish Office building; enter through the office's back door on the parking lot side—next to the entrance to the Adoration Chapel).

Please **RSVP via email or text** to Ivonne Ruiz: [Ivonnerg12@yahoo.com](mailto:Ivonnerg12@yahoo.com) | (831) 435-6501.

# THANK YOU FROM FR. ALBERT!



Thank you so very, very much—from the bottom of my heart—to all of you who came to celebrate my 90th birthday on May 9th.

Your presence made the celebration truly special and memorable for me. I am deeply

grateful for all the gifts, hugs, and kind birthday wishes. Thank you for celebrating with me and making my party a very special occasion.

I also want to thank all those who worked so hard to prepare everything in the Parish Hall. It was all so beautifully done. I know a great deal of effort went into it, and I appreciate it very much.

Please know that I will remember your goodness and keep you all in my prayers. May God bless and reward you always.

**With much love, appreciation, and gratitude,  
Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD**



*God  
mounts his throne  
to shouts of joy;  
a blare of trumpets  
for the Lord.*

*Psalm 47:5*

# Ice Cream Sunday Fun Day



**Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary Fundraiser**  
**Ice Cream Sunday Funday!!!**



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



**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



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**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <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            |  |



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.)**

**Pre-order deadline May 30, 2026**

# Mass Intentions

## May 16—May 23, 2026

### Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:

5:00 p.m.: Mother's Day Novena Mass 6

### Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m.: Roger Aull, 80th B-Day, INT, and Parishioners of St. Therese

9:00 a.m.: Jun Tuan & Family, INT

11:00 am: Indah Lay, INT

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

5:00 p.m.: Mother's Day Novena Mass 7

### Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Leah Sia Ferrer, B-Day INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Maria Donna Le, INT

8:00 a.m.: Harrison Jhony, INT

NO MASS: Mother's Day Novena 8 celebrated in Redlands

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

6:00 a.m.: Jessica Arakawa, B-Day INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Jimmy Doria, RIP

NO MASS: Mother's Day Novena 9 celebrated in Redlands

### Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Helga Ellena Wong, INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Grace Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Therese Hong Nguyen, RIP

### Thursday:

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

\*7:30 a.m.: Santiago Crow, INT

8:00 a.m.: Miguel Conlan, RIP

### Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Elena Sy Su, INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Maryanne Losorelli, INT

8:00 a.m.: Luke Arellano, 13th B-day INT

### Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Danilo Buenavente, 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

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 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 from July 9-18, 2026: Land Tour cost: \$3880. Visit Assisi in this Year of Grace, the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis, the "Seraphic Father," 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 in the places where they lived and breathed. Join us and experience untold beauty! 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 \$1300 (economy) to \$2400 (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.

## 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.

## Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

+ Carlton Lyew

(father of Susanne and Steven)

+ Humberto Thomas Contreras

(Husband of Grace and father of Catherine Contreras, Respect Life Coordinator at STC)