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St. Therese Catholic Church



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Jesus said to His disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire..."

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on, a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three..."

(Luke 12:49, 51-52).

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

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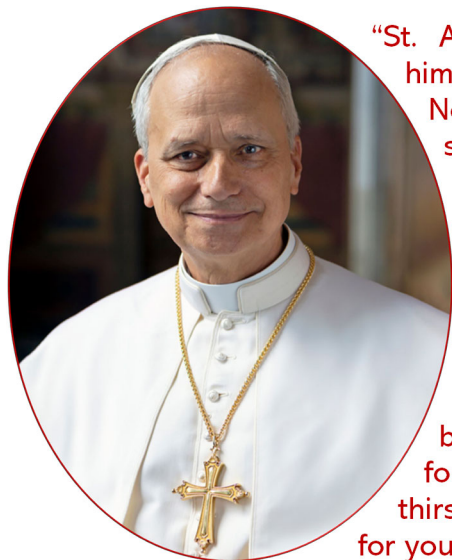
- Baptisms: Register online
- Weddings: Register online at least six months in advance
- Anointing of the Sick: Call the office

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

The Church recently celebrated the **Jubilee Day For Youth** when our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, met with over a million youth in Rome. This was a monumental event for this Jubilee Year of Hope because the youth are the hope of our future Church! **Below is a portion of Pope Leo's homily at the closing Mass in Rome on August 3rd.**

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD



“St. Augustine, reflecting on his intense search for God, asked himself: ‘What, then, is the object of our hope...? Is it the earth? No. Is it something that comes from the earth, such as gold, silver, trees, crops, or water...? These things are pleasing, these things are beautiful, these things are good’ (Sermon 313/F, 3). And the conclusion he reached was: ‘Seek the one who made them, He is your hope’ (ibid). Thinking of his own journey, he prayed, saying: ‘You [Lord] were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you... You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you (Ps 34:8; 1 Pt 2:3), now I hunger and thirst for more (Mt 5:6; 1 Cor 4:11); you touched me, and I burned for your peace’ (Confessions, 10, 27).

“There is a burning question in our hearts, a need for truth that we cannot ignore, which leads us to ask ourselves: what is true happiness? What is the true meaning of life? What can free us from being trapped in meaninglessness, boredom, and mediocrity? The fullness of our existence does not depend on what we store up or, as we heard in the Gospel, on what we possess (Lk 12:13-21). Rather, fullness has to do with what we joyfully welcome and share (Mt 10:8-10; Jn 6:1-13).

“Buying, hoarding, and consuming are not enough. We need to lift our eyes, to look upwards, to the ‘things that are above’ (Col 3:2), to realize that everything in the world has meaning only insofar as it serves to unite us to God and to our brothers and sisters in charity, helping us to grow in ‘compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience’ (Col 3:12), forgiveness (ibid, v. 13) and peace (Jn 14:27), all in imitation of Christ (Phil 2:5). And in this way we will grow in an ever deeper understanding of what it means that hope does not disappoint, because ‘the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us’ (cf. Rom 5:5).

“Dear young people, Jesus is our hope. It is He, as St. John Paul II said, ‘who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives... to commit to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal’ (XV World Youth Day, Prayer Vigil, August 19, 2000). Let us remain united to Him, let us remain in His friendship, always, cultivating it through prayer, adoration, Eucharistic communion, frequent confession, and generous charity, following the examples of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis, who will soon be declared saints. Aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less. You will then see the light of the Gospel growing every day, in you and around you.”

MOVIE NIGHT NEXT SATURDAY!

The Carmelite Friars invite you to join them for our next BIG SCREEN MOVIE NIGHT in our parking lot on **Saturday, August 23. The movie will start at 7:30 p.m., but there will be hot dogs and more by 6:30 p.m.**

We will present **THE RELUCTANT SAINT**, a 1962 historical comedy/drama which tells the story of **St. Joseph of Cupertino**, a 17th-century Italian Conventual Franciscan friar and mystic. Most of the key events in the movie are based on historical events or reports about his life. Born Giuseppe Desa, he was seen by many witnesses levitating and in ecstasy. The movie was filmed in Rome and stars Maximilian Schell and Ricardo Montalban.

Bring your own chair (and a blanket if it's cool) or use one of our chairs from the Parish Hall.

SEE YOU THEN!



Bilingual Mass for the Queenship of Mary

**AUGUST 22, 2025, FRIDAY
QUEENSHIP OF MARY**

BILINGUAL MASS & Healing Service **MISA BILINGÜE y Servicio de Sanación**

BY
FR. ANGELO JUSTIN TORRES, OATH
OBLATE APOSTLES OF THE TWO HEARTS

SCHEDULE

- 6:00 PM: Bilingual Mass
- 7:00 PM: Healing Liturgy through the laying of the Tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Fr. Justin is the Project Director for the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts (OATH) in the Philippines. He oversees the development of a Youth Center in Cebu, dedicated to empowering the next generation through faith and formation.

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For more info, contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080

The Flame of Love invites everyone to this special bilingual Mass and Healing Liturgy this coming **Friday, August 22. The Mass will begin at 6:00 p.m., and the Healing Liturgy will begin at 7:00 p.m.** Fr. Justin Torres, O.A.T.H. (Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts) will be the special celebrant at both.

The Healing Liturgy will be through the laying of the Tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Don't miss this special opportunity!

For more information, contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.

COR JESU BONFIRE NIGHT



Hearts on Fire for Christ

Join us for an evening of faith, fellowship and fire!

Come together with our faith family of St. Therese to worship,
share stories and enjoy the beauty of God's presence
under the stars and near the ocean.

Date: Saturday, August 23, 2025

Time: 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Location: Dockweiler Beach Fire Pits

12001 Vista del Mar, Playa del Rey, CA 90293

Please RSVP by using the QR Code.



Please RSVP so
we know how many
will be coming!

What to Expect:

- Scripture Reflection by Firelight
- Worship Music & Praise
- Fellowship & Faith Sharing
- S'mores & Snacks
- Games & Community Fun

What to Bring:

- A friend (or two!)
- A blanket or chair
- Your favorite snack/drink to share
- A heart ready for Christ

Dress Code: Please dress modestly.
(no bikinis or speedos)



Saint Therese Carmelite School

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Welcome Back, Saints!



We are excited to welcome our teachers and students back to campus on **Wednesday, August 20**. Please keep us all in your prayers as we begin an exciting new school year!

Each year, we dedicate our school year to a special patronage. During this Jubilee year, we have chosen to dedicate our school year to St. Therese of Lisieux, in honor of the 100th anniversary of her canonization on May 17, 1925.

We invite you to join us in praying for her intercession this school year and in preparing to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our school next year!

St. Therese of Lisieux, pray for us!

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Religious Ed Registration



In-person registration is in the Parish Hall **TODAY...**

**Sunday, August 17,
From 8:30 a.m. to
Noon (after the 7:30,
9:00, and 11:00 a.m.
Masses).**

Families are invited to register their children for:

- First Communion
- Confirmation
- Non-Sacramental Classes

Adults who need Confirmation and those who have never been baptized are invited to register for the **OCIA program** (formerly RCIA).

Application forms will be available on site. For first-time students, **please bring the original and one copy of the BIRTH and BAPTISMAL certificates.**

Come by with any questions and to submit your completed form. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming your family!

For more information, visit the Church website where you may also register online. ↴

www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org/ReligiousEducationInfo



Celebrate Religious Education

REPARATION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

Every Tuesday 8:00PM-9:15PM
St. Therese Church

1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra, Ca 91801



"It was the Little Flower's (St. Therese's) devotion to the Holy Face, which drove her to unparalleled heights of sanctity." - Fr. Emeric B. Scallan

Tuesdays are traditionally dedicated to the Holy Face of Jesus. The primary purpose is to make reparation for sins against the first three Commandments: denial of God, blasphemy, and profanation of Sundays and Holy Days.

Join us **EVERY TUESDAY** at 8pm after evening mass:

- + Brief Spiritual Reading
- + Reparation Prayers
- + Holy Rosary
- + Holy Face Chaplet

"Reparation is a work destined to save society!"
-Blessed Pope Pius IX

Financial Offerings



August 9 / 10, 2025

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August 2 / 3 \$17,233.00

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The Relics of St. Thérèse Will Be Here in October!



She's Coming! The Relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux are returning to the USA!

The renowned reliquary of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus will arrive in the United States on October 1, 2025, and make 40 stops across 10 states,

including **here at St. Therese Church on October 11, 12, and the morning of the 13th.** For the complete national and local schedule, visit: StThereseUSA2025.com.

From the earliest centuries, the veneration of saints' relics has been a cherished tradition of our Catholic faith. While relics themselves hold no power, the Church teaches that God may work through them, drawing us into deeper faith through the intercession of His saints.

St. Thérèse—whom Pope St. Pius X once called “the greatest saint of modern times”—promised before her death, “I will spend my Heaven doing good on earth.” Her relics have inspired countless conversions, healings, vocations, and graces wherever they have traveled. We believe the same blessings await us. Let's fill our church and open our hearts to the Lord's presence through this powerful visit.

Because large crowds are expected, volunteers are needed, especially for hospitality and welcoming. **To sign up, please send a TEXT MESSAGE ONLY to Amber at (626) 840-7250 (no calls please).**

A Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass

Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 33: Altar Setup—The General Instruction for the Roman Missal reminds us that certain items are needed for the Liturgy of the Eucharist (GIRM, 117–118).

1. Two to six lighted candles 2. A crucifix on or near the altar 3. The Missal (the big red book with all the prayers the priest says). 4. Corporal: This is a square white cloth that is unfolded and placed on the altar.
5. Chalice: This special cup is made of precious metals to honor Jesus truly there in his most precious Body and Blood. 6. Purificator: This is a long and narrower white cloth that is used to wipe the rim of the chalice.
7. Paten: This item which looks like a small plate is used for the large host which the priest holds up during the Eucharistic Prayer. 8. Ciborium: This is another item that has a matching lid and which holds the smaller hosts.

There are other materials you might see depending on the local parish customs:

- Pall: This is a square white cloth stiffened with cardboard that is used to cover the chalice.
- Chalice veil: This is a cloth cover for the chalice.
- Burse: This “pouch,” which often matches the chalice veil/vestments in color, is placed on top of the chalice veil and is used for the keeping of corporals.
- Communion patens: Plates with handles that the servers hold during Communion.

These patens are meant to help catch any particles of the Eucharist which may fall from a Host or help to catch a Host which accidentally falls.

Source: Fr. Luke Spannagel's blog at <https://www.stphils.com/church/Eucharistic-revival-walk-through-the-Mass/>



Mass Intentions

August 16—August 23, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Ruth & Rhony Laigo, 33rd Anniv

Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Praxedis Gomez, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Karina Laigo, INT

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Angel Avalos, INT

5:00 p.m.: Fr. Joseph Clauss, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Teddy Yang, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Therese Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Minami Sekiya, INT

7:15 p.m.: Elvia Hernandez, B-Day INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Peter Bing & Family, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Tito Sia, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Aaron Estrada, Birthday INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Gertrudes Sajulga, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Fred Bunsic, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Christina & Nicolas Yang, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Aiden Arakawa, Birthday INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Gricelda Santa Marie, B-Day INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Aaron Estrada Family, INT

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Mr. Looney, 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"!

Outside the Parish

SACRED HEART RETREAT HOUSE—just down the street from St. Therese—invites women, men, married couples, and young adults to consider going on one of the many retreats they offer 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.

Ignatians West is seeking mature adults looking for meaningful service opportunities? We will match your interests and talents with the needs of children, adults, and seniors in a variety of non-profit settings. Our **volunteers work 1-2 days/week from Sept-June** in schools, food pantries, hospitals, etc. Volunteers also meet once a month and attend two retreat days per year for group sharing and reflection in the **Ignatians tradition**. Check us out at www.ignatianswest.org (<http://www.ignatianswest.org/>). For further information, contact Anne Hansen at ahansen@ignatianswest.org or 805-443-0812

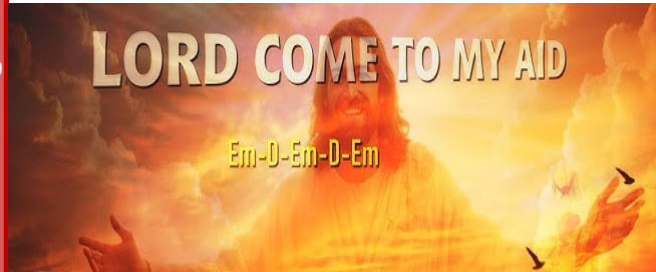
Pilgrimages

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.

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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