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St. Therese Church

Established 1924

510 North El Molino Street • Alhambra, California 91801 • (626) 282-2744 • FAX (626) 282-7560 (Unless otherwise indicated, all telephone numbers are in the **626 area code**.) Web Page: <http://www.mysttherese.org>

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars

Masses & Services:

Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm
Latin High Mass: Sundays at 1:00 pm
Holy Days: 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Devotions:

Rosary: Following the Mon-Sat 8:00 am Mass
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm
Warrior-Intercessors: Thursdays, 8:00 pm
St. Joseph Devotion: Tuesdays, 6:15-7:00 pm
St. Joseph Project: 3rd Tues. (Nov.-Apr.) Mass, 7:00 pm
Fatima Pilgrimage: 13th of the month (May-Oct.), 7:00 pm

Sacramental Programs:

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
-Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm
-Saturdays from 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Baptism: Call 284-0200, ext. 225, for schedule
Marriage: Contact priest at least six months before
RCIA (Sac. for adults) Rhonda Storey 284-0020, Ext. 225

Other Ministries / Programs:

Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias 323-724-6443
Legion of Mary: Wed., 7:00 pm - Michelle Mestas 755-0564
Mary of Mt. Carmel Prayer Ministry: First Fridays, 7:00 p.m.
Peace & Justice Prayer Ministry:
Tuesdays at 6:15 PM - Edward William 768-0758
Respect Life Ministry: Call the rectory at 282-2744
Rosary Makers: Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 pm
Edward William 768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com

Pastor:

Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (Ext. 226)

Associate Pastors:

Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (Ext. 232)
Fr. David Guzman, OCD (Ext. 337)

In Residence:

Fr. Jerome Lantry, OCD (Ext. 334)

Deacon Couple:

Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (Ext. 221)

Vocations: Parish: Fr. David Guzman OCD (X 337);
Regional: 909-629-9495; Archdiocesan: 213-637-7515

Parish Secretary: Denise McMaster (Ext. 223)

Finances/Donations: Noralyn Cailan (Ext. 228)

Christian Services: Bridie McDermott (Ext. 224)

Liturgical Coordinators:

Lectors: Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (Ext. 221)
Eucharistic Ministers of the Altar: Dn J. & L. Mizerski (221)
Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick: Fred & Margaret
Padilla, 282-0943

St. Therese Religious Education:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (Ext. 225)
rhondalstorey@gmail.com
* Pre K through 8th Grade * Adult Religious Ed

Confirmation Program for Youth:

(9th and 10th Graders) Rhonda Storey 284-0020
(Ext. 225) rhondalstorey@gmail.com

St. Therese Catholic School: 289-3364, Ext. 660

Principal: Carmela Lovano, Clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org
Web Site: www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org

Eucharistic Adoration - Continuous, day and night. Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations.
Coordinators: Carlos & Carla Johnson - 289-0388

New Parishioners: WELCOME TO ST. THERESE! Please come to the Parish office to register. **Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; 2:00 to 5:00 pm; 6:00 to 8:00 pm—**closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm & 5:00 to 6:00 pm**



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2011

The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. —Luke 1:35

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULES



Confessions:

Wednesday, December 21, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Masses:

Christmas Eve (Saturday): 5:00 p.m. & Midnight

Christmas Day (Sunday): 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
and Latin High Mass at 1:00 p.m.
(No Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Day)

Feast of Mary, Mother of God):

New Year's Eve, Dec. 31: 5:00 p.m. & Midnight

New Year's Day, January 1: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.,
1:00 p.m. (Latin Mass) & 5:00 p.m.

Enjoy the last week of Advent!



ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS!

The STS Faculty & Staff wish the St. Therese Parish & Community a Merry Christmas. May all your Christmas prayers be answered in this Holy Season and may God bless you and your family on Christmas and always!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK...begins on January 29 with the 9:00 a.m. Mass, followed by an Open House & Science Fair until Noon. Join us as we celebrate Catholic Schools: FAITH, ACADEMICS, SERVICE.

Applications are now available for 2011-2012. Call the school office for more information at 289-3364. For more information, visit our website at www.sttheresseschoolalhambra.org.

Please shop at the **STS Marketplace** through the link on our web page. The school earns a percentage of all your purchases.

NEW SCRIP GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE! We now have scrip gift cards for Amazon, Taco Bell, and Chipotle Mexican Grill.
SHAPING FUTURES....TEACHING STUDENTS....SERVING FAMILIES

SPECIAL



CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT: The annual Christmas Eve Children's Pageant, a reenactment of the birth of Jesus, will be held at the **5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass**. The parts were assigned at the meeting on December 16. Remember... each participating child **must attend both practices—this Tuesday and Thursday, December 20th and 22nd—from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each night** (held in the church). Please call Rhonda Storey with any questions (284-0020, ext. 225).



CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR THOSE IN NEED: This weekend, **December 17 and 18**, boxes have been placed near all the church entries in order to collect your donations of non-perishable food items. These will be used to make Christmas Baskets for those in need. You may also donate hams or turkeys by bringing them to the office this Monday morning, December 19.

ALTAR SOCIETY SEEKS DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

FLOWERS AND FLORAL DEDICATIONS:

1) **Christmas Poinsettias:** If you'd like to donate towards the purchase of Christmas Poinsettias, please **place your offering in one of the Flower Memorial envelopes** from the pews. A Memorial Mass will be offered for all the deceased whose names are written on the envelopes;

2) **Floral Dedications:** If you would like to honor your loved ones, living or deceased, with one or more beautiful bouquets on the altar, please call Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049.



SEEKING DONATION OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS: Got too many books? Monica, an Ambassador Girl Scout from Troop 3581 (under Mrs. Storey), is working with a local homeless center to create a library in the shelter in order to encourage literacy in the resident children. Please help her accomplish this goal! You can drop off any type of children's books to Mrs. Storey or to the rectory. Thank you for your help. For more information, you can contact Mrs. Storey at 284-0020, ext. 225.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY EVERY

WEDNESDAY EVENING:

Our study subject this year is "ACTS: The Spread of the Kingdom." Classes are held most Wednesdays from **7:30 to 9:00 p.m.**, in the Parish Meeting Room of the Parish Center. Share with the early Christians the joys and struggles of living the life of Christ and learn how these apply to us today. See your place in Christ's Church, and how you should live day-to-day as a disciple of Christ. This DVD-study series features Jeff Cavins, creator of the Great Adventure Bible Study. The study manual is \$30 per person. For more info, contact Victoria at 323-343-9064.



PARISH MINISTRIES

ST. THERESE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rhonda Storey, 284-0020X 225

STRE: Classes are in session today, **December 18**, from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. Attendance at the 11:00 a.m. Mass is required for all families in the STRE program. Classes will resume after the Christmas break on January 8.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: If your child was assigned a role in the Christmas Pageant, please remember to bring him/her to both rehearsals this week—on **Tuesday and Thursday, December 20th and 22nd—from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each night** (held in the church).



R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) 2011-2012: If you are interested in becoming Catholic and learning about the Church—or know someone who is—then come, or have the person you know come, to the RCIA classes in the Parish Meeting Room on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call Rhonda at 284-0020, ext. 225.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION: Rhonda Storey, 284-0020X 225

Confirmation Classes: The last class for this month is today, **December 18**.

RITE OF WELCOME FOR YEAR 1: Today, **December 18**, at the **5:00 p.m. Mass**, we will have the Rite of Welcome for First-Year Candidates and their sponsors. (Sponsors! Please arrive at 4:30 so we can go over the Rite.)

PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY Edward William, 768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com (Prayer with Action: Strengthening of Families, Conversion of Sinners, and Peace in the World) - **St. Joseph Prayer Devotion:** Join us on **Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. in front of the St. Joseph statue** in the church. **The Rosary Makers:** We meet on **Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room** (following the St. Joseph Devotion). You are invited to help us make the rosaries, which are then shipped to missions throughout the world. This is our **action** aspect of the Peace & Justice Ministry.

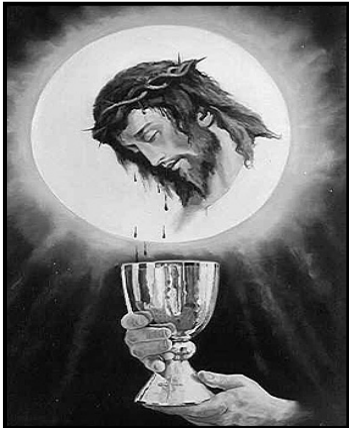
BAPTISM MINISTRY: Blanca Ruvalcaba, 284-0020, X 225 ~ In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **BOTH PARENTS AND GODPARENTS** are required to: 1) Have an interview (must be held **the month BEFORE** the Baptism); 2) Attend one class (next are on **Jan. 9 & Feb. 13**) from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Library); And 3) Be presented at Mass at a Presentation Sunday (next are **Jan. 15 & Feb. 19**) at the 9:00 a.m. Mass). After completing these, your child will be baptized on a Saturday (next OPEN Baptisms are at Noon on **Jan. 21 & Feb. 25**). **SELECTING THE GODPARENTS:** Canon Law requires you to have at least one godparent (may have two) who: **1) is at least 16; 2) has received Confirmation; and 3) is a practicing Catholic.**



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY: **RESPECT LIFE QUOTE:** “When we consider that women have been and continue in some places to be treated as property, it is degrading to women that we should treat our children as property to be disposed of as we see fit.” --Elizabeth Cady

PARISH MINISTRIES / NEWS:

PERPETUAL ADORATION



Prayer of Charles de Foucauld: *"Oh Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament in our churches, You give us solace and refuge; You give us faith, hope, love and hospitality. You build for us an inner retreat, an ardent repose. Help us to seek You and find You..."*

SIGN UP! The Adoration Chapel is open day and night to adore Jesus in the exposed Blessed Sacrament. To sign up, call Carlos or Carla Johnson at 289-0388.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN:

DID YOU KNOW? Ensure a safe road trip this Christmas ~ Taking the kids on a road trip to visit relatives and friends is a holiday tradition for many of us. Here are two tips that can help you get there and back as safely as possible: 1) Ensure that all occupants of any vehicles are properly secured and that there are no large or heavy items in the vehicle that may injure the occupants at any sudden stops; 2) A single parent traveling with children should ensure that permission from the other parent is readily available for authorities (such stops are sometimes made to prevent one-parent abductions). This is especially important for air/train or cross-border travel. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS:

Last weekend was the annual collection for the Retirement of Religious. Please be generous! Envelopes are still in the pews.

F I N A N C I A L:

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Below are the totals for the collections for last weekend and for the weeks previous to it.

Collection for December 10 / 11, 2011

Unrestricted.....	\$14,200.00
Restricted	\$ 797.00
T O T A L.....	\$14,997.00

November 26 / 27, 2011.....\$13,017.00

December 3 / 4, 2011.....\$13,218.00

As a friendly suggestion for those of you who are employed, may we propose a realistic donation to St. Therese Church of at least one hour of pay per week.

WARRIOR INTERCESSORS FOR PRIESTS:

A S A V I O R I S B O R N

...AND His Kingdom will have no end. So, in the end, all that matters is to dwell in the House of the Lord for ever and ever. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!** Please make us worthy of your endless love and of your infinite Mercy. We love you, and we thank you f o r e v e r and e v e r ! Amen.

Join us every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the church to pray for the *altos Christos*—the other Christs among us: His beloved priests. For more information, you may call Blanca at 284-0020, ext. 225.

MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of 12/17/11 to 12/24/11

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Anita McKeown RIP

Sunday:

*7:30am: Parishioners

7:30 am: Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski INT

9:00 am: Amme Dorsey RIP

11:00am: Elide Ayuso RIP

1:00 pm: Phyllis Canzano INT

5:00 pm: Virgilio Lopez INT

Monday:

6:00 am: Anne Lucido & Family INT

*7:30 am: Rafael Paz INT

8:00 a.m.: Priests of St. Therese INT

Tuesday:

6:00 am: Fr. Jan Lundberg OCD INT

*7:30 am: Fr. Jan Lundberg OCD INT

8:00 am: Fr. Jan Lundberg, OCD INT

Wednesday:

6:00 am: Fr. Jan Lundberg, OCD INT

*7:30 am: Fr. Jan Lundberg, OCD INT

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Jan Lundberg, OCD INT

Thursday:

6:00 am: All souls in Purgatory

*7:30 am Mary Lima RIP

8:00 am: Alexander Balfour Wong RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Augustine Goh RIP

*7:30am Martin Okamoto INT

8:00 am: Elizabeth Cygal RIP

Saturday—Christmas Eve:

6:00 a.m.: Fred Escobedo INT

*7:30 am: Carmelite Community

8:00 am: Goh & Cheah Families INT

Held in the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel, 215 E. Alhambra Road—open to the public every day **except** on Sundays, Vigils and major holy days and holidays.

INTENTIONS OF OUR HOLY FATHER FOR DECEMBER:

1) That the nations of the earth, through knowledge and mutual respect, may grow in harmony and peace; and 2) That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that their dignity may always be respected and preserved from all violence.

FLORAL DEDICATIONS

The Floral Dedication for this weekend is...

To dedicate a floral arrangement in someone's honor, for a special for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, contact Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049.

PERSONAL ADS

FOR RENT: Studio guest house in Alhambra—female preferred. Call Socorro at 943-9637.

NEED LIVE-IN FEMALE COMPANION for my elderly mother. Free living accommodations exchanged for light cooking/housekeeping. Call Christine at 975-7797.

HOME FOR LEASE--beautifully remodeled, new everything, 3 BR, 2 BA, 1824 sq. ft., walking distance to St. Therese. \$2,650/mo. Call Edith at 760-940-1914

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Join Fr. Jose Parathanal on a "Marian & Other Great Saints" Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain and France from May 17 to 29. Join Fr. Greg Neri to Portugal, Spain, France & Italy on Oct. 19 to Nov. 1. For more information, please contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@hotmail.com or 323-344-1548/323-547-6618.

Avenue of Travel with Fr. Jan Lundberg presents **"Footsteps of Apostle Paul" June 23 to July 3, 2012.** Visiting Athens, Thessalonika, Philippi, Corinth, etc. 3 nights cruising to Mykonos, Kusadasi, Patmos & Santorini. Daily breakfast and 5 dinners, including welcome and farewell dinner, in addition to full meals onboard. LAND COST is \$2279 per person based on double occupancy and inside cabin on the ship. Upgrades available. For details or flyers, please check our website AVENUEOFORG.COM or contact us at 877-914-7888 or aokyang@gmail.com. Non refundable

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