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St. Therese Catholic Church



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They said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of adultery. Moses commanded us to stone such women. What do you say?" He said, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to cast a stone." Then they went away one by one, and He was left alone with the woman. He said, "Woman, has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and sin no more" (John 8:4-5,7,9,10-11).

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

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or on the Church's website >Our School> Videos



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,

I want to thank all of you who helped to make our "24 Hours with the Lord" event a beautiful experience of heartfelt repentance and deep prayer for the greater Church around us. I think we gave many from other parishes a true reflection of our deep devotion to Confession and Adoration here at St. Therese! I especially want to thank **Deus Vocat** for providing hospitality (food and drinks) to all the visiting priests and people from other parishes. God will bless our parish even more for hosting this beautiful event!

Let us now continue with **St. John Paul II's reflection on almsgiving** (from Lent of 1979).

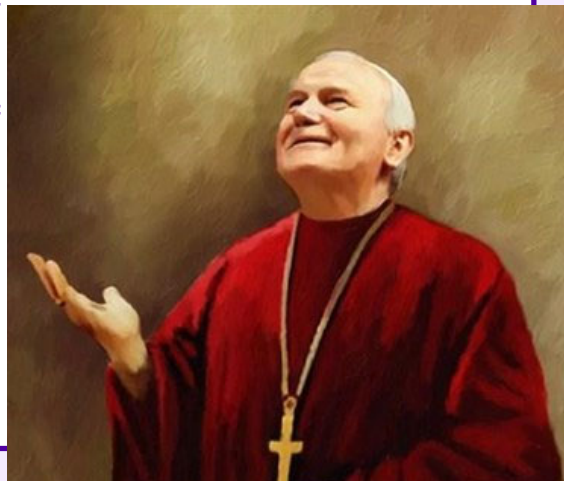
—Fr. Peter



"In Holy Scripture and according to the evangelical categories, 'alms' means in the first place an interior gift. It means the attitude of opening 'to the other.' Precisely this attitude is an indispensable factor of 'metanoia,' that is, conversion, just as prayer and fasting are also indispensable. St Augustine, in fact, expresses himself well: 'How quickly the prayers of those who do good are granted! And this is man's justice in the present life: fasting, alms, prayer' (Enarrat. in Ps. XLII, 8): prayer, as an opening to God; fasting, as an expression of self-mastery, also in depriving oneself of something, in saying 'no' to oneself; and finally alms, as opening 'towards others.' The Gospel draws this picture clearly when it speaks to us of repentance, of 'metanoia.' Only with a total attitude—in his relationship with God, with himself and with his neighbor—does man reach conversion and remain in the state of conversion.

"Alms understood in this way has a meaning which is in a certain sense decisive for this conversion. Therefore, this opening to others, which is expressed by 'help,' by 'sharing' food, a glass of water, a good word, consolation, a visit, precious time, etc., this interior gift offered to the other man, arrives directly at Christ, directly at God. It decides the meeting with Him. It is conversion. We can find many texts in the Gospel that confirm this, and also in the whole of Scripture. 'Alms' understood according to the Gospel, according to the teaching of Christ, has a definitive, decisive meaning in our conversion to God. If alms be lacking, our life does not yet converge fully towards God.

"In the cycle of Lenten reflections, it will be necessary to come back to this subject. Today, before concluding, let us dwell for another moment on the real meaning of 'alms.' It is very easy, in fact, to falsify the idea, as we noted at the beginning. Jesus also gave a warning about the superficial 'exterior' attitude of almsdeeds (Matt. 6:4; Luke 11:41). This problem is still a living one. If we realize the essential significance that 'alms' has for our conversion to God for the whole of Christian life, we must avoid, at all costs, all that falsifies the meaning of alms, mercy, works of charity, all that may distort their image in ourselves. In this field, it is very important to cultivate interior sensitivity regarding the real needs of our neighbor, in order to know in what we must help him, how to act in order not to wound him, and how to behave in order that what we give, what we bring to his life, may be a real gift."



2025 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 13 – April 20, 2025



Confessions

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15 and 16: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 19: 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 20: No confessions at any time

Masses and Services

*Monday – *Wednesday, April 14 - 16: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m.

*NO evening Mass these days. (Mass is at **7:30 am** at the Carmel.)

Note: No morning Masses on Holy Thursday or Holy Saturday;
Mass is never celebrated on Good Friday.

Holy Wednesday

Tenebrae Service: **7:00 p.m.**

(See Page Five for an explanation)

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper with Washing of the Feet Service: **7:15 p.m.**

*Mass at the Carmel: **5:00 p.m.** (*No Washing of the Feet)



Good Friday

12:00 p.m.: Way of the Cross

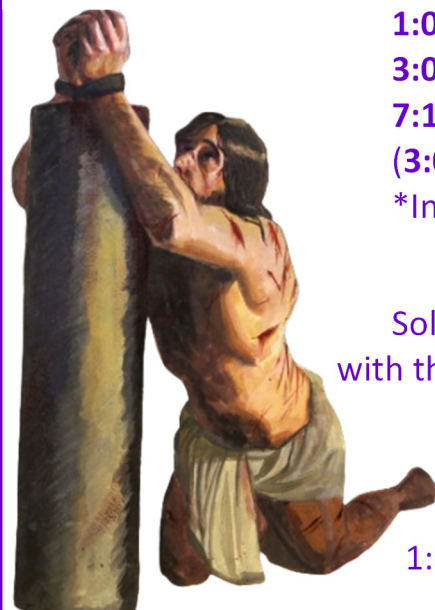
1:00 p.m.: Reflections on the Seven Last Words

3:00 p.m.: Sacred Liturgy*

7:15 p.m.: Sacred Liturgy* Repeated

(**3:00 p.m.:** Sacred Liturgy* at the Cloistered Nuns' Chapel)

*Includes distribution of Holy Communion



Holy Saturday

Solemn Easter Vigil Mass: **8:15 p.m.** (The Mass begins with the lighting of the Easter fire in front of the church)

Easter Sunday

Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., and
1:00 p.m. in Traditional Latin (NO 5:00 p.m. Mass)

ALL MASSES AND SERVICES ARE IN ENGLISH ONLY, EXCEPT FOR THE LATIN MASS.

PLEASE NOTE: There are NO evening Masses scheduled for Monday through Wednesday and NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

Easter Novena of Masses



To enroll
your loved
one (living or
deceased)
into the

Easter Novena of Masses, write their names on any envelope and enclose an offering in it. **Nine Masses from April 21 through 29 will be offered for all those enrolled.** You may use your own card to send to those you enroll.

Soup Nights / Stations



Our FINAL Soup Night for Lent 2025 will be this **Friday, April 11**, and will be sponsored by **RETRouvaille Marriage Ministry** (from **5:30 to 7:00 p.m.** in the Hall). It will be followed by **Stations of the Cross** in the Church at **7:00 p.m.**

40 DAYS FOR LIFE March 5 - April 13
Ends April 13! Pasadena Planned Parenthood
1045 N Lake Avenue, Pasadena
Monday-Saturday 7:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

- Mark these dates on your calendar—
- Knights of Columbus Rosary **Saturdays 7:00-9:00 a.m.**
- Stations of the Cross **Fridays 12:10 p.m.**, Fr. David G
- Mysteries of the Rosary **Tuesdays 4:00 p.m.**, Fr. Burfitt
- Final Blessings and prayers in front of Planned Parenthood **April 13, 3:00 p.m.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

Contact: Rose Curiel at indigorse40daysforlife.com or
(323) 528-8094 | www.40daysforlife.com/pasadena



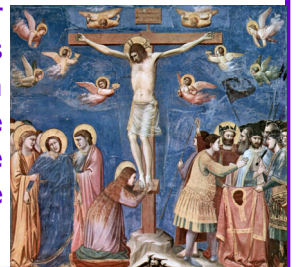
Please help us to decorate the church for Easter Sunday. Just pick up one of the Flower Offering envelopes (located on the tables and the pews)—like the one pictured above—and return it with your enclosed offering.

Enter the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope, and they will be included in a Memorial Mass to be offered later in the year.

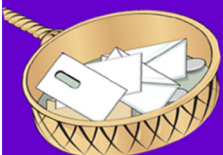
"MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH"

Fr. Stephen's next class in this series will be this **Tuesday, April 8, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room.** The topic will be **THE CHURCH AND THE PASCHAL MYSTERY.**

We Christians live between memory and hope, between past and future. The Holy Mass makes present for us the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ, the Lord of history and its consummation. The Mass is at once the remembrance of Our Lord's passion and recognition of His glory. It is a memorial sacrifice by which we actually enter into the Paschal mystery. The Easter Triduum is the Church's most solemn commemoration of the Paschal Mystery and the greatest witness to hope the Church offers to the world.



Financial Offerings



March 29 / 30, 2025

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March 15 / 16 \$11,618.00
March 22 / 23 \$22,060.00

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Vespers Service

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Evening Prayer

Every Sunday of Lent at 4:00 p.m.

Tenebrae Service



Join us for a special Tenebrae service in the church at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday of Holy Week. The name Tenebrae means “shadows” or “darkness” in Latin and comes from a portion of the service that quotes Scripture: “darkness came over the whole land” (Matthew 27:45) at Christ’s death. The Tenebrae service consists of nine psalms, nine readings and nine responses. There is a hearse (candelabra) with fifteen candles that are extinguished throughout the service.

The setting of Psalm 51, the *Miserere Mei Deus* by Gregorio Allegri—composed during the reign of Pope Urban VIII for the Sistine Chapel’s exclusive use—was for Tenebrae, as traditionally the service would close with this Psalm.

Dom Guéranger wrote, “the desertion on the part of His Apostles and Disciples is expressed by the candles being extinguished, one after the other.” The great noise at the end of the service expresses “the convulsions of nature, when Jesus expired on the Cross: the earth shook, the rocks were split, and the dead came forth from their tombs.”



Saint Therese Carmelite School

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**LIVING Stations
of the Cross
Friday, April 11,
11:30 a.m.**

All are welcome to join our school for our annual Living Stations of the Cross, which will begin outside of the parish offices and continue throughout the church grounds. This beautiful memorial of Our Lord’s Passion is lovingly presented by the 8th grade class, who have worked tirelessly to prepare this Lenten meditation for you.

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Deus Vocat (God is Calling)



This new **Parish Vocation Apostolate** invites you to help us in supporting **TWELVE CANDIDATES** who are discerning God's call to a religious vocation. It is such as these our Apostolate supports.

You are invited to join Deus Vocat every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Lisieux Room (in the Parish Office building, 510 North El Molino Street) to pray for vocations. For more info, please contact:

Francisco Alcala at (323) 497-4951
or Marcela Alcala at (626) 940-4899 |
marcelafigalcala@gmail.com

God Bless You!

Cor Jesu Youth & Family



Please join us for our next **Cor Jesu Night** on Friday, April 11, beginning at 6:15 p.m. in the Hall. The schedule is:

6:15 p.m.: Dinner in the Hall (Soup Night)

7:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross

7:35 p.m.: Talk on Sloth vs Diligence and the Spirituality of Bl. Francis Palau y Quer, OCD

8:00 p.m.: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Prayer and Worship

8:55 p.m.: Benediction | Closing



Eucharistic Adoration

"Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

"Keep yourselves free from sin so that every day you may share in the mystic meal; by doing so our bodies become the body of Christ."

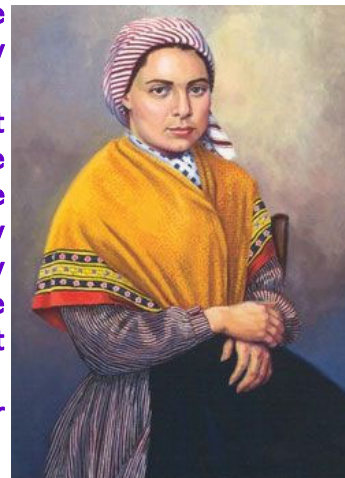
—St. Bernadette Soubirous

(January 7, 1844 — April 16, 1879 — Feast Day April 16)

Frail in health, Bernadette Soubirous was the eldest of nine children from a poverty-stricken family. She contracted cholera in the epidemic of 1854 and suffered from asthma and other ailments throughout her life. Between February 11 and July 16, 1858, at the age of 14, she had a series of visions of the Virgin Mary in the Massabielle Grotto in Lourdes. She made her first Communion on 3rd June, 1858, Feast of the Blessed Sacrament. When asked when was she happiest, during the Apparitions or at her First Communion, Bernadette replied, "These are two things that go together but which cannot be compared; I was very happy in both."

Frequent Communion, and earlier reception of it for children, were not recommended by Pope Pius X until almost fifty years later. But Bernadette approached the Holy Table as often as she could, that is to say, as often as the priests, and later her Superiors, allowed her to do so. At Nevers, the infirmary where she was often, either a nurse or a patient, was very close to the gallery of the chapel, and she went there as much as she could. For some time she also had the joy of serving in the sacristy—another way of honoring Christ present in the Eucharist.

Be a Committed Adorer: Sign up by scanning this QR code with your phone!



Mass Intentions

April 5—April 12, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Zulma Kenzelman, INT

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Deceased Religious, Relatives, and

Benefactors of Carmel of St Teresa, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Cheah & Goh Families, INT

9:00 a.m.: Sr. Mary Lilia Flores, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Parishioners

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Celso Aquino, INT

5:00 p.m.: Raquel Sobalvarro, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. T. Sahayadass, OCD, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Patrick Brundige, INT

7:15 p.m.: Linda Manzano, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Minerva Soriano, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Augustin Juarez, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Albert Estrada, Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: Fred Bunsic, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Donna Spencer, INT

7:30 a.m.: Teddy & Maria Magdalena Yang, INT

8:00 a.m.: Virgilio Lopez, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 am: Alicia Flores, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Nicolas Yang, INT

8:00 a.m.: Linda Arvizu, Birthday INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Felipe Sia, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Leland Wong & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Robert Reyes, RIP

Saturday (Morning):

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community

8:00 a.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

***Held at the Cloistered
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Alhambra Road, Alhambra).**

**Open to the public except on
Sundays and some 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

MARIAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

Rome (Holy Doors), France, Spain, & Portugal, June 16—July 1, 2025 (14 Days) for \$4,700 (double occupancy), led by Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD. For an itinerary and more info, contact Cecilia at (323) 721-0021 or gpilgrimages@yahoo.com. See details at <https://peregrinacionessguadalupanas.org/>

"JUBILEE OF HOPE" PILGRIMAGE TO ALABAMA! SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT AND EWTN, home of Mother Angelica, July 15-23, 2025, with Fr. Huy Nguyen. Daily Mass with the Poor Claire cloistered nuns, a healing service and spiritual talks by the Franciscan friars, a visit to the Pope St. John Paul II Eucharistic Museum, a rosary procession to a replica of Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto and the Stations of the Eucharist. We'll attend a world-wide televised Mass at EWTN and so much more! Enjoy peace and tranquility along with fun, fellowship, and great southern hospitality. For more info please contact Albert and Mary Helen Estrada: (626) 533-4839. Limited spots available.

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE, AND ITALY with Fr. Julius Ntalo, OCD: Join this 14-day pilgrimage from July 11 to 24, 2025, to all four countries listed in the title. For more info and to receive an itinerary, contact ABM Tours at 310-514-3323 or 408-903-6305 or maddatubeth2@gmail.com. See more info at abmtours.com.

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE (JUBILEE 2025) TO ITALY - Rome, Naples & Florence - AUGUST 25 - SEPTEMBER 2—Roundtrip non-stop flight from LA to Rome on Norse Atlantic Airways in Premium Classic, six nights at well-located historic and comfortable city-center accommodations with private bath and AC. Daily Holy Mass, breakfast & dinner. \$4280 (double rm. occupancy) from LAX / +\$395 single room supplement. For itinerary, contact: Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186 or call Sacred Heart Tours at 1-845-594-2222 (P.O. Box 384 - Burton, TX 77835).

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