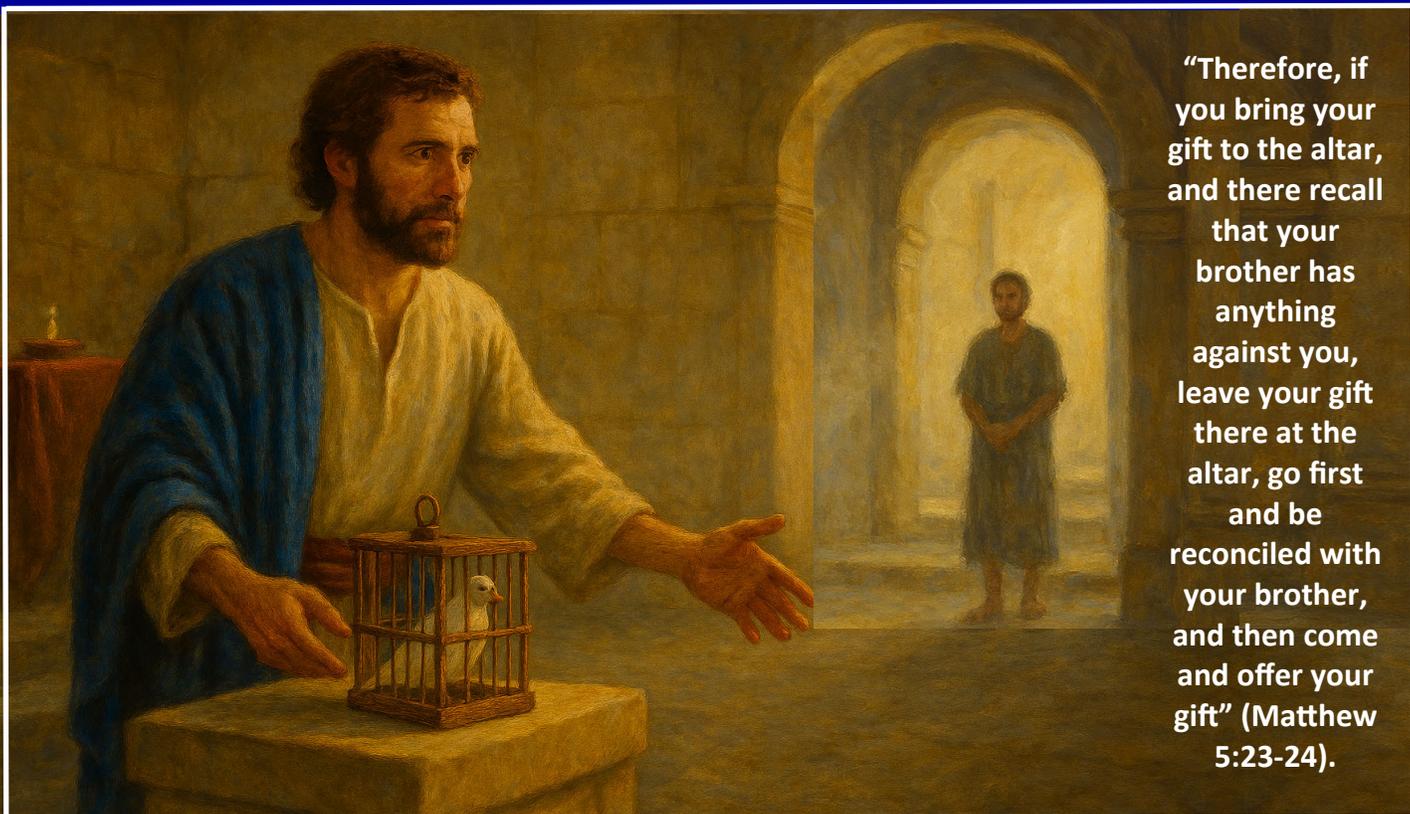




St. Therese Catholic Church



February 15, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org



“Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift” (Matthew 5:23-24).

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

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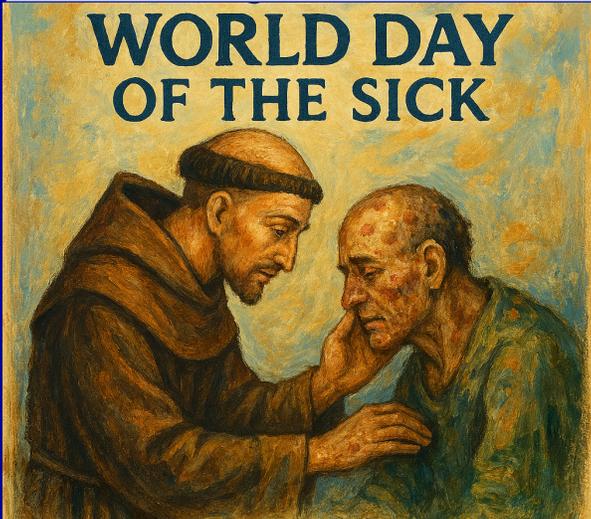
- Baptisms: Register online
- Weddings: Register online at least six months in advance
- Anointing of the Sick: Call the office

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

We just celebrated the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes this past Wednesday, February 11, which is also **World Day of the Sick**. Let us now read an excerpt from **Pope Leo XIV's message** for this occasion.

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD



MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIV FOR THE 34th WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The thirty-fourth World Day of the Sick will be solemnly celebrated in Chiclayo, Peru, on February 11, 2026. For this occasion, I recommend reflecting on the figure of the Good Samaritan, for he is always relevant and essential for rediscovering the beauty of charity and the social dimension of compassion. This reflection directs our attention towards the needy and all those who suffer, especially the sick.

We live immersed in a culture of speed, immediacy and haste—a “culture of discard and indifference” that prevents us from pausing along the way and drawing near to acknowledge the needs and suffering that surround us. In the parable, when the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he did not “pass by.” Instead, he looked upon him with an open and attentive gaze—the very gaze of Jesus—which led him to act with human and compassionate closeness. The Samaritan “stopped, approached the man, and cared for him personally, even spending his own money to provide for his needs... [Above all], he gave him his time.” Jesus does not merely teach us who our neighbor is, but rather how to become a neighbor; in other words, how we can draw close to others. In this respect, we can affirm with St. Augustine that the Lord did not intend to show us who that man’s neighbor was, but rather to whom he should become a neighbor. Indeed, no one is truly a neighbor until they freely draw near to another. Thus, the one who became a neighbor was the one who showed mercy.

Love is not passive; it goes out to meet the other. Being a neighbor is not determined by physical or social proximity, but by the decision to love. This is why Christians become neighbors to those who suffer, following the example of Christ, the true Divine Samaritan who drew near to a wounded humanity. These are not mere gestures of philanthropy, but signs through which we perceive that personal participation in another’s suffering involves the gift of oneself. It means going beyond the simple satisfaction of needs, so that our very person becomes part of the gift. This kind of charity is necessarily nourished by an encounter with Christ, who gave Himself for us out of love. **St. Francis expressed this beautifully when, speaking of his encounter with lepers, he said: “The Lord Himself led me among them,” because through them, he had discovered the sweet joy of loving.**

The gift of encounter flows from our union with Jesus Christ. We recognize Him as the Good Samaritan who has brought us eternal salvation, and we make Him present whenever we reach out to a wounded brother or sister. St. Ambrose said: “Since no one is more truly our neighbor than He who has healed our wounds, let us love Him as Lord and also as Neighbor; for nothing is so close as the Head to its members. Let us also love those who imitate Christ; let us love those who suffer due to the poverty of others, for the sake of the unity of the Body. **“To be one in the One”**—through closeness, presence, and love received and shared—is to rejoice, like St. Francis, in the sweetness of having encountered the Lord.

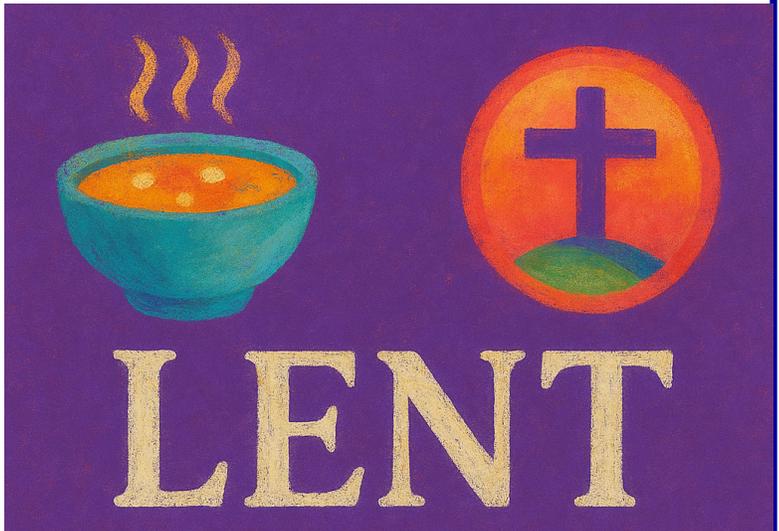
ASH WEDNESDAY, SOUP, STATIONS

ASH WEDNESDAY IS THIS WEDNESDAY, February 18. Masses will be at 6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and *7:15 p.m. Ashes will be distributed during the Masses. *CONFESSION will follow the evening Mass at approximately 8:00 p.m.

SOUP NIGHTS & STATIONS: Soup Nights will be held in the Hall on all six Fridays of Lent from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Stations will follow in the church at 7:00 p.m. **NOTE:** On March 6, the first Friday of the month, the evening Mass will be celebrated *after* the Stations.

The first Soup Night will be **THIS FRIDAY, February 20**, and will be sponsored by Saint Therese Carmelite School. Future dates and

sponsors will be **February 27:** The Flame of Love; **March 6:** Saint Therese Carmelite School; **March 13:** Cor Jesu / Deus Vocat / Lay Missionaries of Charity; **March 20:** Retrouvaille Marriage Ministry; and **March 27:** The Knights of Columbus. All donations will go to the sponsoring ministries.



Saint Therese Carmelite School
Faith ✦ Academics ✦ Virtue



STCS Soup Nights

Friday, February 20, and Friday, March 6
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

It is a Lenten custom of St. Therese Parish to hold a meatless meal on the Fridays in Lent to promote fellowship in the School and Parish. These meals are hosted by the different ministries of the parish.

Our School Soup Nights will be the **first Friday in Lent, February 20**, and our **Schola Soup Night on March 6** (changed from February 27). All are invited and encouraged to attend Soup Night, which is free for everyone—although donations are accepted.

Immediately following Soup Night, **Stations of the Cross** will be held in the Church at 7:00 p.m.

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ANNUAL "FR. JEROME APPEAL" FOR THE CLOISTERED CARMELITE NUNS

Next weekend, **February 21 and 22**, Kathy Nally, one of the Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary members, will speak at the Masses about financial assistance for the Cloistered Carmelite Nuns in the Carmel of St. Teresa. **Pink envelopes will be in the pews to make a donation during the special collection** (taken at all the Masses) to help provide for their needs and the upkeep of their monastery. The Carmelite Monastery was instrumental in St. Therese Parish being established. God bless and reward your generosity.



CONCLUSION (FROM LAST WEEK) TO "THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEWEST SOLEMNLY-PROFESSED MEMBER OF THEIR COMMUNITY, SR. FAUSTINA MARY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST."

One day during adoration, she felt God calling her to the Alhambra community of cloistered Carmelite nuns. After meeting with the novice mistress, she knew it was a perfect fit. After nine months of discernment with the community, she joyfully entered on the 100th anniversary of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima (October 13, 1917). In October of 2019, she was clothed in the habit and received her religious name, **Sr. Faustina Mary of the Holy Eucharist**.

On **October 5, 2025**, she took her final perpetual vows and received the black veil, permanently consecrating her life to God and binding herself to a life of prayer, poverty, chastity, and obedience until death. It is considered a "mystical wedding" with Christ, marking her transition

from a temporary member to a full, permanent member of the monastic community. Sr. Faustina says that, *"...life in Carmel is a joy!"*

ARISE O LORD AND LET THY ENEMIES BE SCATTERED

THIS

HOLY FACE CONFERENCE

Tuesday, February 17, 2026: 9 am - 11 pm

Pico Rivera Sports Arena

11003 Sports Arena Dr., Pico Rivera, CA 90601

www.myremnantarmy.com

Toll Free: 844-415-3314



COME JOIN US ON



THE FEAST DAY OF THE HOLY FACE

Fr. Michael Barry, SS.CC

Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, O.C.D.

Guest Speaker Zachary King

and much more ...



Fr. Robert is one of the Guest Speakers!

SHROVE TUESDAY

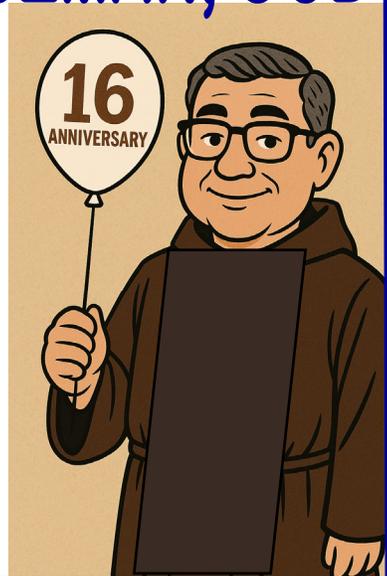
"THANK YOU" FROM FR. DAVID GUZMAN, OCD

THANK YOU for the wonderful celebration of my "Sweet Sixteen" Anniversary of Ordination on Friday, January 30 (I was ordained on January 30, 2010). It was a joyful occasion, and I really had a great time.

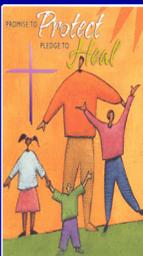
I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped make it happen: those who planned the event; those who set up and decorated the room; those who catered the taco dinner; all who brought side dishes, desserts, drinks, and paper goods; those who provided music and captured video and photos; and those who stayed afterward to clean up. And of course, thank you to *all* who attended.

I am also deeply grateful for the cards, gifts, and the many ways you continually make me feel cared for and appreciated. Please know that I will remember you in my prayers. May God bestow abundant blessings upon you.

Now—taking advantage of this space—I'm delighted to share the limerick that our Parish Secretary, Denise, presented so memorably that evening:



There once was a friar named Dave, Ordained on a January wave. In twenty-ten's cheer, He started his career— "16 years" on a plaque we'll engrave.	Beloved by the flock at St. Therese, He says "sure!" with no trace of caprice. Said with such delight, No, it can't be right!— His "no" button surely needs grease!	That night we unveiled quite a feast, A taco-spread fit for a priest. Father dined with real flair, Then slumped in a chair— A stuffed friar, content and at peace.
He was born in a hot desert clime, Arizona—where heat's in its prime. He joined the Carms then, Among prayerful men— And marked an end to any spare time.	At St. Therese, he moves like a myth, Solving crises with Carmelite pith. But if treats friends do bake, Please no eggs, for his sake— Or he'll vanish mid-bite, like a wraith.	And so, as our laughs did ascend, He felt such a love that transcends. Let his years to come Be joyful, not glum— And God bless this priest we call friend.



DID YOU KNOW? Online Enticement: What Is It/How to Talk About It—
 Online enticement involves an individual communicating with someone believed to be a child via the internet with the intent to commit a sexual offense or abduction. This is a broad category of online exploitation in which a child is being groomed to take sexually explicit images and/or ultimately meet face-to-face with someone for sexual purposes, or to engage in a sexual conversation online or, in some instances, to sell/trade the child's sexual images.

This type of victimization takes place across every online platform—social media, messaging and game apps, etc. The goals of online enticement vary, but most commonly offenders seem to want to extort additional sexually explicit images from the child. Children and teens may not take the first steps in disclosing to an uncomfortable online interaction, so it's important to understand the issue and how to talk about it.

For more information, please visit
<https://www.missingkids.org/theissues/onlineenticement>



Financial Offerings



February 7 / 8, 2026

Unrestricted..... \$17,035.00
 Restricted \$ 1,075.00
T O T A L.....\$18,110.00

January 10 / 11 \$13,746.00
 January 17 / 18 \$14,944.00
 January 24 / 25 \$34,685.00
 January 31 / Feb. 1 \$17,606.00

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

Fr. Stephen's Next Class in His Catechism Series

Fr. Stephen's next class will be on **Tuesday, February 24**—from **7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room**. Each class stands on its own, so you may join at any time.

The topic for this class (continued from February 3) will be the **SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**. The Catechism says this: *"The Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation—lay the foundation of every Christian life. These sacraments are deeply interconnected and progressively draw the faithful into the mystery of divine life. The sharing in the divine nature given to men through the grace of Christ bears a certain likeness to the origin, development, and nourishing of natural life (CC 1212). Those who have been raised to the dignity of the royal priesthood by Baptism, and configured more deeply to Christ by Confirmation, participate with the whole community in the Lord's own sacrifice by means of the Eucharist."*

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

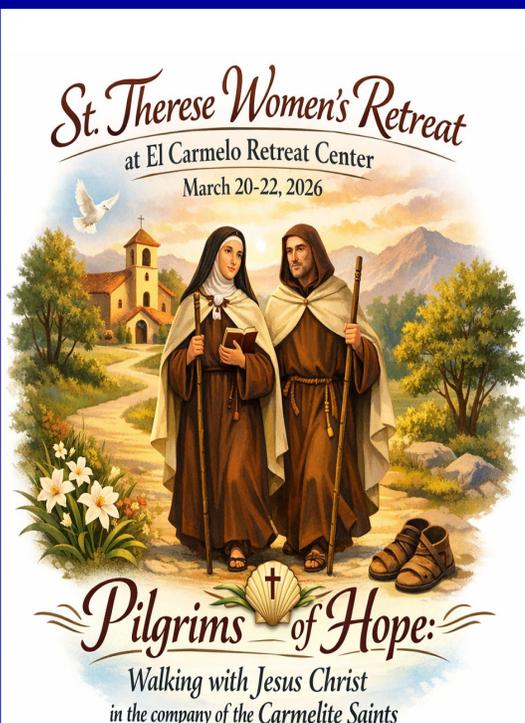


WOMEN'S (AND MEN'S) LENTEN RETREATS AT EL CARMELO

Join the women of St. Therese Church for our annual Lenten Retreat weekend at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands on **March 20-22, 2026**. The theme is **"Pilgrims of Hope: Walking with Jesus Christ in the Company of the Carmelite Saints,"** and our retreat master will be Fr. Philip Sullivan, former pastor of our Parish. The fees are as follows:

Weekend Package: Friday night to Sunday afternoon

- Double room occupancy (2 per room): \$230 each person, including two nights and six meals
- Single room occupancy (private room): \$260 each person, including two nights and six meals



A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is required to reserve your room (check or money order payment only—Sorry... **NO** VenMo, Zelle, or credit cards accepted). Make checks payable to: El Carmelo Retreat House (memo: "Women's Silent Retreat, March 20-22, 2026).

The registration form can be found at all entrances of the church. Mail the form and your payment to the retreat captain: Chantal Richardson, 15730 Nelson Avenue, City of Industry, CA 91744. If a registration form is unavailable or you would like more information, you can find it on the home page of our website OR you may contact the retreat captain, Chantal Richardson, at chantalmarierichardson@gmail.com, (951) 743-8801 (call or text). (**Note:** You must be age 18 and older to attend.)

MEN'S RETREAT:

The **Men's Silent Retreat** weekend will be **February 20-22, 2026**—also at El Carmelo. If you would like more information, please contact the retreat captain, Pierre Doche, at (951) 834-5948.

Mass Intentions

Pilgrimages

February 14—February 21, 2026

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Eulogio Diaz & Suzie Payne, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Maria Huong Truong Family, INT

7:30 a.m.: Bonifacio Uy, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Lucie Jacobs, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Gilbert Holman, RIP

5 p.m.: Avila Marie Miranda O’Cochlain, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Park Ho Soon Maria, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Pat & Ernie O’Conner Family, INT

7:15 p.m.: Steven Garcia, INT

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

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

*7:30 am: Teresa Megan Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Rodolfo H. Deypalan, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Alyssia Garcia, INT

Ash Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Tito Sia, Jr., INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mr. and Mrs. Ponet, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Joey Trani, INT

7:15 p.m.: Beverly Brown, RIP

Thursday:

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

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

8:00 a.m.: Zechariah Jimenez, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Michael Arakawa, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Isaias Diokno, RIP

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

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 am: James Atencio, RIP

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel
(215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra.**

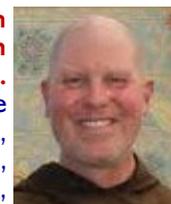
**Open to the public except
Sundays and holidays.)**

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”!

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! \$5299 each. Direct flight from LAX. For more info, please contact Albert and 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.

Rest in Peace

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

+ Joseph Cheah Kin Hun
(Husband of Florence Goh)

+ Roberto Garcia
(Father-in-law of Shao-Wen Larios)
His funeral will be celebrated on Friday,
February 27, at 11:00 a.m. (Latin Rite)

+ Milton Chow
(Husband of Rosario Chow)
His funeral will be celebrated on
Saturday, February 28, at 2:00 p.m.