



# St. Therese Catholic Church

September 10, 2023 | 510 North El Molino Street | Alhambra CA 91801 | (626) 282-2744 | [www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org](http://www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org) Est. 1924

## 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. and \*7:15 p.m.  
(\*NO 7:15 p.m. on Wed.; Tues's 7:15 p.m. is in Spanish).  
**Carmelite Nuns' Chapel:** 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

Note: the daily 8:00 a.m., the Monday evening 7:15 p.m.,  
and the Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses are all **LIVE  
STREAMED** on Facebook AND YouTube)  
**Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass**

**CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays** from **7:00** to 9:00 p.m.;  
**Saturdays** 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+222

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Fr. David Guzman, OCD X 1+232

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OCD, Fr. Raymond Bueno, OCD, Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD

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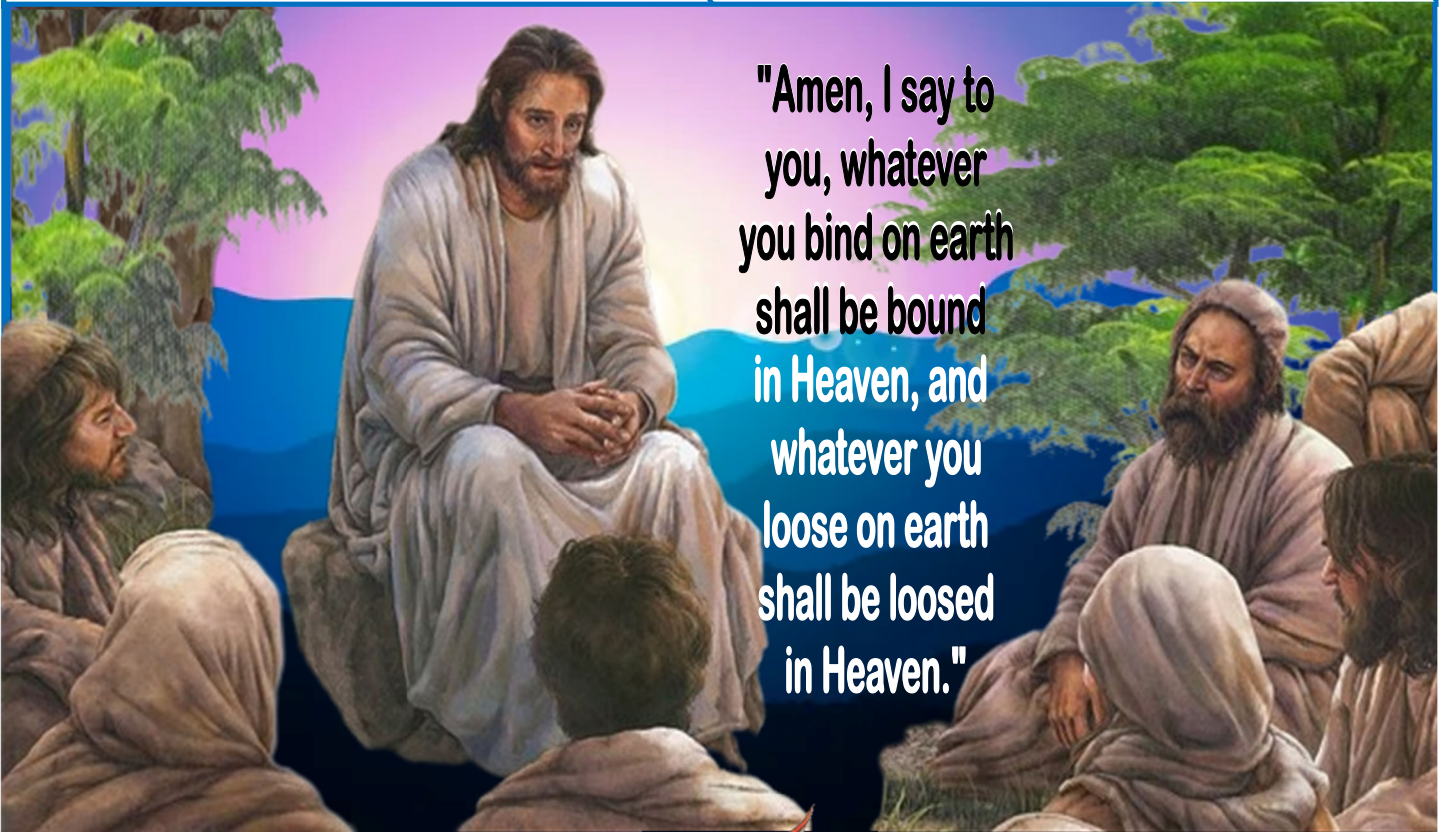
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"Amen, I say to  
you, whatever  
you bind on earth  
shall be bound  
in Heaven, and  
whatever you  
loose on earth  
shall be loosed  
in Heaven."

## ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page  
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

# The Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese, This is the conclusion of the story of St. Therese's miraculous healing through Our Lady of the Smile. —Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.

## MANUSCRIPT A, The smile of the Virgin 29v-31v (Part 2)



As I said, Marie had guessed that the Blessed Virgin had given me some hidden grace. When I was alone with her and she asked me what I had seen, I was unable to resist her very tender and pressing questions; astonished at seeing my secret discovered without my having revealed it, I confided it entirely to my dear Marie. Alas! just as I had felt, my happiness was going to disappear and change into bitterness. The memory of the ineffable grace I had received was a real spiritual trial for me for the next four years, and I

was not to find my happiness again until I was kneeling at the feet of Our Lady of Victories. At this time, my happiness was restored to me in all its fullness. I shall talk later on about this second grace of the Blessed Virgin. At present I shall explain, my dear Mother, how my joy was changed into sadness.

Marie, after having heard the simple and sincere recital of "my grace," asked me for permission to tell it at Carmel, and I could not say no. On my first visit to this dear Carmel, I was filled with joy when seeing my Pauline with the habit of the Blessed Virgin. It was a sweet moment for both of us. There were so many things to say that I couldn't say anything at all, my heart was too full. Good Mother Marie de Gonzague was there also, giving me a thousand signs of affection; I saw the other Sisters, and in their presence I was questioned about the grace I had received. They asked me if the Blessed Virgin was carrying the Child Jesus or if there was much light, etc. All these questions troubled me and caused me much pain, and I was able to say only one thing: "The Blessed Virgin had appeared very beautiful, and I had seen her smile at me." It was her countenance alone that had struck me, and seeing that the Carmelites had imagined something else entirely (my spiritual trials beginning already with regard to my sickness), I thought I had lied. Without any doubt, if I had kept my secret I would also have kept my happiness, but the Blessed Virgin permitted this torment for my soul's good, as perhaps without it, I would have had some thought of vanity, whereas humiliation becoming my lot, I was unable to look upon myself without a feeling of profound horror. Ah! what I suffered I shall not be able to say except in Heaven!

While speaking about the visit to the Carmelites, I am reminded of the first visit which took place shortly after Pauline's entrance. I forgot to speak about it, but there is a detail that should not be omitted. The morning of the day I was to visit, I was thinking things over in my bed (for it was there I made my profound meditations, and, contrary to the bride in the Canticles, I always found my Beloved there) and I wondered what name I would be given in Carmel. I knew there was a Sister Thérèse of Jesus; however, my beautiful name of Thérèse could not be taken away from me. All of a sudden, I thought of Little Jesus whom I loved so much, and I said: "Oh! how happy I would be if they called me Thérèse of the Child Jesus!" I said nothing during the visit about the dream I had while wide awake. But to good Mother Marie de Gonzague, who was asking the Sisters what name I should be given, came the idea of calling me by the name I had dreamed about. My joy was great and this happy meeting of minds seemed to be a singular favor from my beloved Child Jesus.





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### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

REMINDER to All current and new altar boys: The first session of the three-part training was yesterday, September 9... The next two sessions are September 16 and 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Attendance at all three sessions is mandatory; all boys who have received their First Communion are eligible to serve. Pizza and basketball will be provided at the conclusion of the training on September 23rd. Please meet at the Hall at the beginning of training. Contact Nancy Canter 202-322-9226 or nkcanter@gmail.com with any questions.



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**For more information or questions, please contact Fr. Robert at [fremercy@gmail.com](mailto:fremercy@gmail.com) or Nancy Canter at 202-322-9226 | [nkcanter@gmail.com](mailto:nkcanter@gmail.com).**

## Catechists Needed!

Our Religious Education program is seeking catechists (religion teachers) for its non-Sacramental elementary grades.



Catechists must be practicing Catholics who enjoy working with children. Must be willing to be fingerprinted and attend a Virtus training session.

If you are interested, please email the coordinator, Florence Goh, at [stcreligioused7@gmail.com](mailto:stcreligioused7@gmail.com).

## The Real St. Therese

At a deeper level, the child in Therese was expressed through words with an inimitable ingenuity. The Catholic writer Bernanos was searching through books to find the lost language of childhood. The *Last Conversations* of Therese contain countless examples. We shall quote here the ones that appeal to us: "How strange it is to fear death! But when we're married, when we have a husband and children, this is understandable: but I who have nothing!"... "Who could ever invent the Blessed Virgin?"... "What will happen afterwards (the Last Judgement)?" "When He misleads me, I pay Him all sorts of compliments, and He doesn't know what to do with me." Gazing at Christ on her crucifix: "I prefer when they represent Him as dead, because then I think He is no longer suffering," etc.

Perhaps we have to be in tune with childhood to grasp the nuances between childishness, affectation, and genuine childlikeness. Nothing is more irritating than a woman who acts like a baby. In Therese's time, those around her were often given to affectation. How did Therese manage to escape this pitfall? In her language, we do not find false expressions of her feelings, for her love of truth protected her from these dangers. As a little girl, she cried often and was even much given to crying during her pre-adolescence. "I was really unbearable because of my extreme touchiness... I cried for having cried. All arguments were useless, and I was quite unable to correct this terrible fault." It required nothing less than "the little miracle" of Christmas 1886, when she was almost fourteen, to cure her of her hypersensitivity. "The source of my tears was dried up and since then has re-opened rarely and with great difficulty."



An installment from *The Passion of Thérèse of Lisieux* by Guy Gaucher, OCD



# Carmelite Mission, Uganda

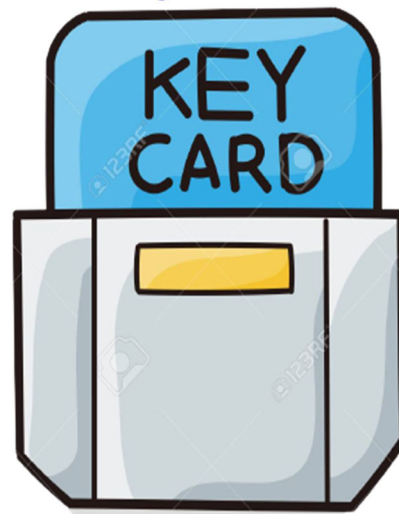


For all parishioners wishing to support our Carmelite Mission in Uganda, we ask that you no longer write|send checks to St. Therese but to our Carmelite Mission.

You can directly mail checks to our Mission office in Redlands at Carmelite Mission Office, PO Box 8700, Redlands, CA 92375 (make checks payable to "Carmelite Mission"). You can contact Noralyn for the Tax ID # for tax purposes. Thank you!

# Adoration Key Cards

For all adorers who have lost or are no longer using their electronic key, please notify the parish office so that we can update our records. Thank you!



## Cloistered Nuns' Auxiliary Seeks Young Adult Volunteers

The Alhambra Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary is **seeking YOUNG ADULTS TO JOIN AS AUXILIARY ASSOCIATES**. Volunteers will be called to assist in fundraising events for the benefit of the Nuns. Your help will be needed twice a year—in the Spring and Fall—as well as with other special projects throughout the year. Volunteers need not attend the monthly meetings but will receive the minutes via email. Your time commitment would be flexible. For more info, please contact Jessica Morgan at [jessica.morgan@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.morgan@gmail.com).



# FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

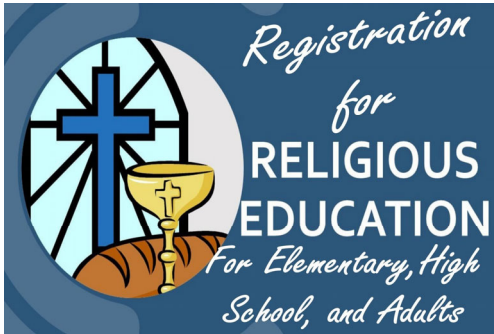
May God reward you for giving from your heart! Below you will find the total collection for last weekend, as well as for the previous four weekends. Note: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH for our School.

The printing schedule of this bulletin was advanced due to vacation schedules and Labor Day. The collections for August 26/27 and September 3/4 will be posted in the September 17 bulletin.

July 29 / 30 .....	\$12,753.00
August 5 / 6 .....	\$16,172.00
August 12 / 13 .....	\$20,129.00
August 19 / 20 .....	\$17,442.00

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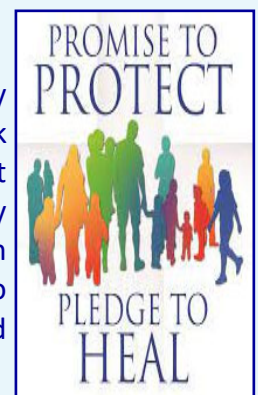
# REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS ED!



CLASSES FOR ELEMENTARY GRADES (INCLUDING FIRST COMMUNION) START TODAY, SEPTEMBER 10. Classes for Confirmation for high school students start this Wednesday evening; classes RCIA/Adult Confirmation start this Thursday evening and Saturday morning (your choice). **It's not too late to register!** To do so, download the appropriate registration form from the website (Rel. Educ.) and then bring it to the office with the registration fee (cash or check) and, if applicable, a copy of each student's Baptism and First Communion certificates. **The schedule for the year is also on our website.**

## Safeguard the Children - Did You Know?

**Online relationships and abuse:** Parents and caregivers need to be aware of the many ways predators can develop online relationships with their victims. Predators often seek out children or teens who share a lot of information about themselves online and use that information to build "friendships" that they can then use to their advantage. They may pretend to share the same interests or insecurities, offer excessive compliments, or claim to have access to desired items, usually drugs or alcohol. To learn more about what to watch out for when your children are online, read the VIRTUS® article "Online Child Sexual Exploitation" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).



## Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION

*"Could you not watch  
one hour with me?"*



"He is not past, He is present now... We come before Him, we speak to Him just as He was spoken to... years ago."

– St. John Neumann (March 28, 1811 – January 5, 1860; fourth Bishop of Philadelphia)

**Devotion:** The Forty Hours Devotion is a forty-hour continuous prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. The devotion was introduced by St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria in Milan and Vicenza in 1527 and propagated by the Jesuits under St. Ignatius. The practice spread rapidly and eventually reached the US. Among its chief promoters was St. John Neumann, who strongly desired to promote this devotion, but struggled with much opposition because of the threat from the anti-Catholic "Know Nothing" Party. It took a miraculous event to convince him to start the devotion in his diocese. On May 26, 1853, the Feast of Corpus Christi, Bishop Neumann introduced the first Forty Hours Devotion at St. Philip Neri Parish. This devotion was then expanded and approved for all American dioceses in 1866.

**Be a Committed Adorer:** Make a commitment to spend an hour or more every week with Our Lord in our Adoration Chapel! Go to <https://adorationpro.org/theresecca>, Click "Weekly Commitment," find the hour, click "Sign Up," and fill out the form.

**Keys to the Chapel | Security:** If you use the chapel after dark, please make sure you engage the lock so that the door cannot be opened without a key. Please do not let anyone whom you do not know follow you into the chapel.



# Mass Intentions

September 9—September 16, 2023

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Nina Cox, Birthday INT

Sunday:

\*7:30 a.m.: (Carm): Engracia P. Vales, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Matthew Grobarek, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Jess Grimm, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Ursulina Aquino, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Teresa Velasquez, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Arsenia Gatica, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: John Doyle, INT

8:00 a.m.: Claire Hinds, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Michele Palmieri, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Raymond Siy, INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT

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

7:15 p.m.: Fatima Apostolate

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Rustico Gatica, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Gabriel Anyanwu & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Michael Alexander | Lauren Cheah, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Joanna Tagdulang, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: All Humanity

8:00 a.m.: Atlas Chambliss, INT

7:15 p.m.: Sr. Juanita of the Cross, OCD, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Benard Sen Bin, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Atlas Chambliss, INT

8:00 a.m.: Bernie Tittmann, Birthday INT

7:15 pm Fr. Robert Elias of Divine Mercy OCD INT

Saturday Morning:

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

8:00 a.m.: Anthony Cailan, Birthday INT

**\*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel. The Carmel's Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays and holidays.**

**LIVE STREAMED MASSES:**

The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the 7:15 p.m. Monday evening Mass are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube. Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

# Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage



Join the Carmelite Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of St. Therese of Lisieux & St. Elizabeth of the Trinity," from Sept 28-Oct 11, incl. Paris, Lourdes, Ars, etc. Chaplains are Fr. Mark Kissner, OCD, and Fr. Joseph Mary Tran, OCD.

Contact Beth Maddatu at (408) 903-6305 | maddatubeth2@gmail.com.

## "If Your Brother Sins Against You..."

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front, there are two lively options in our culture:

bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your *brother* sins against you..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against you? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine.

But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times—frequently, perhaps—they simply are not.

— Father John Muir

IF YOUR BROTHER SINS AGAINST YOU  
GO AND TELL HIM HIS FAULT  
BETWEEN YOU AND HIM ALONE



IF HE HEARS YOU,  
YOU HAVE GAINED  
YOUR BROTHER