November 29, 2026



St. Therese Church



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MASSES | CONFESSIONS | DEVOTIONS

Weekend

Saturdays: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm Vigil
Sundays: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm
Latin Rite High Mass: 1:00 pm

CONFESSIONS
Wednesdays: 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Saturdays: 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Sundays: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

ANNULMENTS
Deacon Gilbert Vargas
deacongilv@gmail.com

CARMELITE VOCATIONS
www.DiscalcedCarmeliteFriars.com

Weekday

M-F: 6:00 and 8:00 am
M-S: 7:30 am at Nuns' Chapel
M-S: Rosary after 8:00 am Mass

Mon & Tues: 7:15 pm (Tues, Spanish)

Thursday evenings: 7:00-8:00 pm:
Exposition and Adoration

First Fridays: Extra Mass: 7:15 pm

OFFICE HOURS
Mon-Fri: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm and
2:00 - 5:00 pm
(Closed for lunch: 1:00-2:00 pm)

CONTACTS

PASTOR: Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD 1+224

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Fr. David Guzman, OCD

IN RESIDENCE Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD
Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD
Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD

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- Deacon Gilbert Vargas
- Deacon Otto Lacayo +
- Deacon Rex Owens +

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Religious Education: Florence Goh 1+222
Music Director: Charlotte Lansberg

ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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SACRAMENTS

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

ONLINE GIVING

Please consider a gift to Saint Therese Church. Open your banking app; scan this Zelle QR code.
DonateSTC@gmail.com for ID. Recipient is THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF LA, ST THERESE CHURCH

Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

A Blessed Advent to you all! As we prepare for the coming of Christ into our lives once again, let us slow down and quiet ourselves when the world around us tells us the opposite. One great way to do this is to **participate in our preached novena for St. John of the Cross (see the next page for details).** This is an Advent Parish Mission par excellence! It begins on Saturday, December 5, with the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass and continues every night through the Solemnity of St. John of the Cross on December 14.

Now, let us continue to warm up with **St. John of the Cross' *Sayings of Light and Love***, Numbers 101 through 115. -Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D.



101. We must adjust our trials to ourselves, and not ourselves to our trials.

102. He who seeks not the cross of Christ seeks not the glory of Christ.

103. To be taken with love for a soul, God does not look on its greatness, but on the greatness of its humility.

104. "Whoever is ashamed to confess me before others, I shall be ashamed to confess before My Father," says the Lord [Mt. 10:33].

105. Frequent combing gives the hair more luster and makes it easier to comb; a soul that frequently examines its thoughts, words, and deeds (its "hair) for the love of God, will have lustrous hair. Begin combing one's hair from the crown because all our works must begin from the crown (the love of God) if we wish them to be pure and lustrous.

106. Heaven is stable and is not subject to generation; and souls of a heavenly nature are stable and not subject to the engendering of desires or of anything else, for in their way they resemble God who does not move forever.

107. Eat not in forbidden pastures (those of this life), because blessed are they who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied [Mt. 5:6]. What God seeks, he being himself God by nature, is to make us gods through participation, just as fire converts all things into fire.

108. All the goodness we possess is lent to us, and God considers it his own work. God and his work is God.

109. Wisdom enters through love, silence, and mortification. It is great wisdom to know how to be silent and to look at neither the remarks, nor the deeds, nor the lives of others.

110. All for me and nothing for you.

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112. Allow yourself to be taught, allow yourself to receive orders, allow yourself to be subjected and despised, and you will be perfect.

113. Any appetite causes five kinds of harm in the soul: first, disquiet; second, turbidity; third, defilement; fourth, weakness; fifth, obscurity [3]

114. Perfection does not lie in the virtues that the soul knows it has, but in the virtues that our Lord sees in it. This is a closed book; hence one has no reason for presumption, but must remain prostrate on the ground with respect to self

115. Love consists not in feeling great things but in having great detachment and in suffering for the Beloved.

Novena of Masses

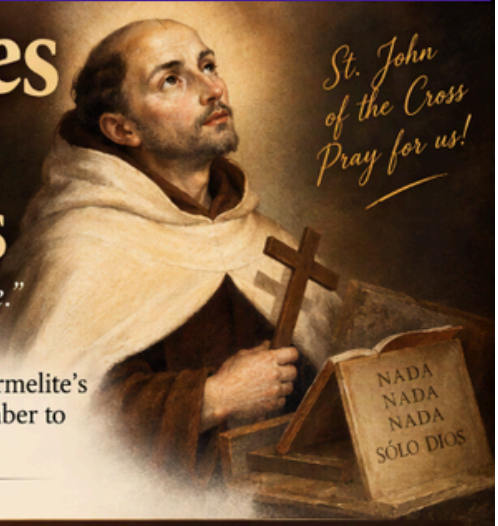
TO PREPARE FOR THE

FEAST OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

"In the evening of life, we will be judged on love."
— ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS



Fr. Daniel Chowning, OCD
PROVINCIAL
CARMELITES' EASTERN PROVINCE



Fr. Daniel Chowning, OCD, the Provincial from the Carmelite's Eastern Province, will be here at St. Therese in December to celebrate a priestly Novena of Masses.

DATES & TIMES

Saturday and Sunday Novena Masses (December 5 & 6 and December 12 & 13)	Monday through Friday Novena Masses (December 7 through 11)	Feast Day of St. John of the Cross Monday, December 14
5:00 p.m.: Mass	6:30 p.m.: Mass	6:30 p.m.: Mass
6:15 p.m.: Conference	7:15 p.m.: Conference	7:15 p.m.: Conference
7:00 to 8:00 p.m.: Holy Hour	8:00 to 9:00 p.m.: Holy Hour	8:00 to 9:00 p.m.: Holy Hour

The "CALL OF GOD" Series

"Is God Calling You?"

Come hear how God is working in these people's lives.



THIS TUESDAY!





Scott Phillips

"Through Scripture, the early Church Fathers, and the light of typology, I was led from a casual faith into the fullness of truth, where I found my home in the Catholic Church."

Lancie Phillips

"Returning to the Catholic Church transformed my understanding of faith and surrender."

TALK: Series 9

Tuesday, December 1, 2026 • 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

St. Therese Parish Hall 1108 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra

+ Testimonies + Fellowship + Light Snacks



CAN YOU HELP RAISE THE ROOF?

Our church needs a new roof, and we are looking for someone who can help us make it happen!

If you have experience in fundraising or development, St. Therese Parish would welcome your help in planning and coordinating our upcoming capital campaign. Working with Fr. Peter Mary and the Finance Council, you would help organize the campaign and guide our Parish's fundraising efforts. **A stipend is available.**

If you have relevant experience and would welcome an opportunity to serve our Parish in this important undertaking, please send a resume and/or letter outlining your experience and interest to Fr. Peter Mary at **pvecellio@gmail.com**

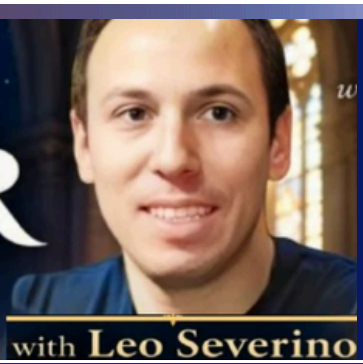
Or call him at the office, **ext. 1+224.**

Many hands build a stronger tomorrow.

FAITH † COMMUNITY † A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

GOING DEEPER

A Reasoned Exploration of God and Truth



with Leo Severino

"Untilled ground, however rich, will bring forth thistles and thorns; so also the mind of man." — St. Teresa of Avila

For questions, call Catherine Contreras at (213) 435-3942

We apologize for the last-minute cancellation of the November 16 class. So that everyone will know if a future class needs to be cancelled, be sure to add your name to an Email Contact List for alerts. Classes will now **continue through December 14.**

GOOD NEWS! ... **Leo will continue this series in the New Year**--starting on **January 11.** Whether you're new to philosophy or simply longing to strengthen your understanding of the Faith, this series offers a clear, compelling path into the heart of Catholic thought.

Financial Offerings



November 14 / 15, 2026

Unrestricted.....$19,076.00
Restricted..... $ 1,030.00
TOTAL.....$20,106.00

October 17 / 18 .....$17,518.00
October 24 / 25 .....$27,466.00
Oct. 31 / Nov. 1.....$26,960.00
November 7 / 8.....$23,350.00

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


FEAST DAY OF
Our Lady of Guadalupe
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2026
AFTER THE 8:00 AM MASS
9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON
Outdoor Procession
WITH OUR BLESSED MOTHER
ST. THERESE PARISH HALL
1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra, CA 91801
MARIACHI
AT MASS AND IN THE HALL
FOOD
POZOLE • MENUDO
TAMALES • PAN DULCE
HOT CHOCOLATE • AND MORE!
ARTS & CRAFTS
FOR CHILDREN
Any Monetary Donations Will Be Greatly Appreciated.



LECTIO DIVINA BIBLE STUDY

Read * Meditate * Pray

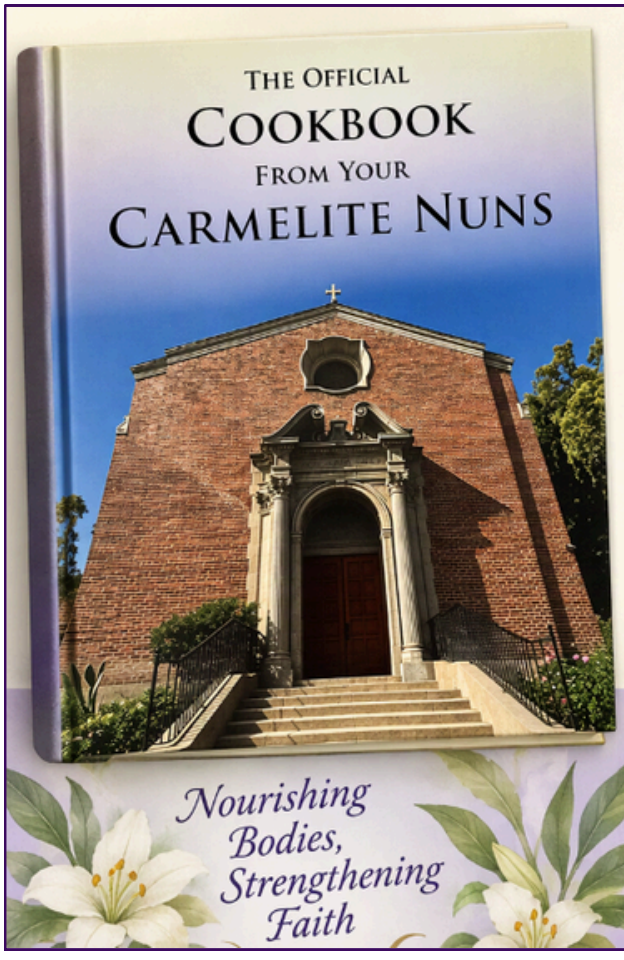
PREPARE FOR THE SUNDAY GOSPELS THROUGH MEDITATION AND SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY.

This group meets on FRIDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.—except on FIRST FRIDAYS and Fridays with special events in the church. As this coming Friday is the First Friday of December, the next session will be Friday, December 11.

It is held in the **Avila Room** inside the **Parish Office** building
(enter through the sacristy/choir room door—just before you reach the Adoration Chapel—and then cross the Courtyard to the double glass doors).

EACH SESSION INCLUDES:

- **A themed social** to begin (if you'd like, you can bring a light, MEATLESS snack for three to four people).
- Meditation and discussion of the upcoming Sunday Gospel.
- Magisterial and saints' commentary on the Gospel.



Faith Family Good Food



Discover a special collection of recipes contributed by our Carmelite nuns and members of the Cloistered Carmelite Auxiliary. Beautiful enough to display as a coffee-table book, this unique cookbook is available for **$120**, the proceeds of which will go to the nuns.

For more information, contact
Susana Martinez at **(626) 827-5157.**

To reserve your copy, mail a check to Susana at
632 Magnolia Drive, San Gabriel, CA 91775.

Mass Intentions

November 28 – December 5, 2026

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:
5:00 p.m.: Alexandria Smaldino, INT
Sunday:
*7:30 a.m.: The Carmelite Order, INT
7:30 a.m.: All Families, INT
9:00 a.m.: Joseph Kin Cheah, RIP
11:00 a.m.: Carmel's Benefactors
1:00 p.m.: Alma Dampf, RIP
5:00 p.m.: Parishioners
Monday:
6:00 a.m.: Dec'd Relig, Relatives & Benefactors of Carmel of St Teresa
*7:30 a.m.: Teresa Kim Xoa, RIP
8:00 a.m.: Steven Gomez, INT
7:15 p.m.: Martha Lopez, INT
Tuesday (+7:15 p.m. in Spanish):
6:00 a.m.: Soriano Fuentes, RIP
*7:30 am: Ha Tien Nguyen, INT
8:00 a.m.: Dec'd Relig, Relatives & Benefactors of Carmel of St Teresa
7:15 p.m.: Th'gvg for God's Gift of Life
Wednesday:
6:00 a.m.: Michael A. Cheah & Family, INT
*7:30 a.m.: Joseph & Therese Nguyen, INT
8:00 a.m.: Lydia Sy Su, INT
Thursday:
6:00 a.m.: Helga Ellena Wong, INT
*7:30 a.m.: Joseph & Anita Lien Nguyen, INT
8:00 a.m.: Fr. Raymond Bueno, INT
Friday:
6:00 a.m.: Joseph Kin Cheah, RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Joseph Nguyen & Family, INT
8:00 a.m.: Ron & Angie Sandoval & Family, INT
Saturday Morning
*7:30 a.m.: Alhambra Cloistered Carm Nuns
8:00 a.m.: All Souls in Purgatory

*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 from the Sunday 11:00 a.m. and the Monday 7:15 p.m. Masses. Be sure to "tune in."

Today's Scriptures





