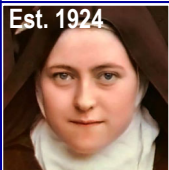


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St. Therese Catholic Church



February 8, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

"You are the light of the world."

"A city set on a mountain
cannot be hidden."

"You are the salt of the earth.
But if salt loses its taste...
with what can it be seasoned?"

"Nor do they light a lamp and then
put it under a bushel basket..."

*"Your light must shine before others, that they may see your
good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father"*

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

Pastor: Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD: X 1+224

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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,

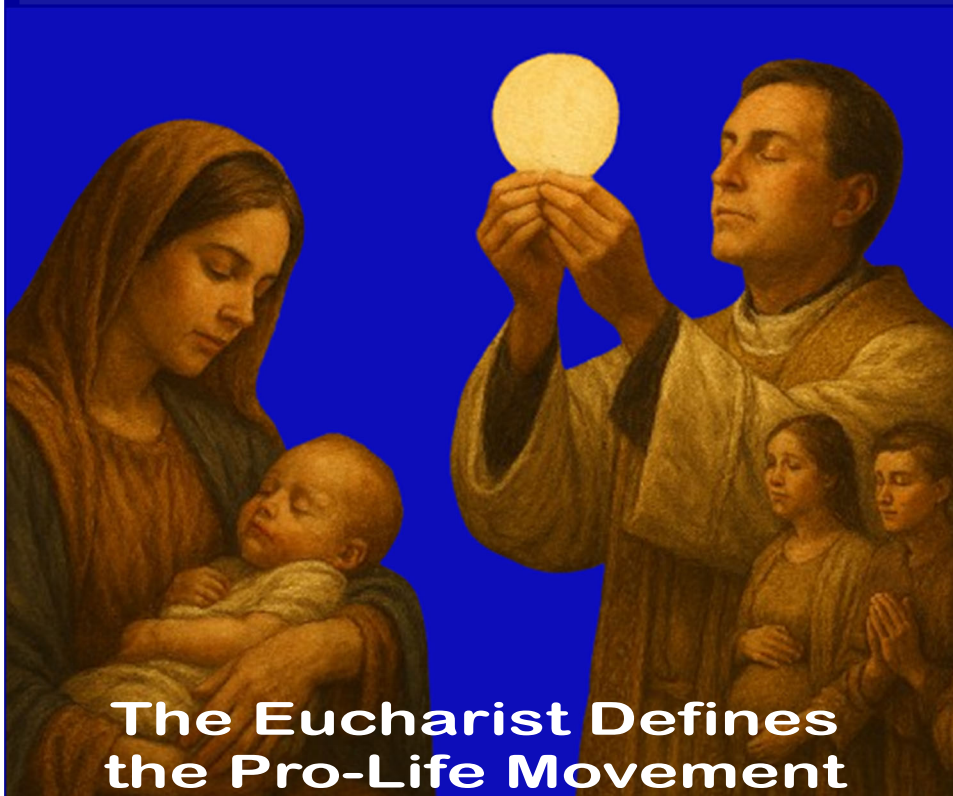
We've had the privilege of having the traveling statue of Our Lady of Fatima in the church this past week. We will have a closing ceremony and Living Rosary after this weekend's Saturday vigil Mass.

Below is the conclusion of the beautiful meditation on the Eucharist and the Pro-life movement from Frank Pavone (Part I was in last week's bulletin).

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD



The Eucharist Defines the Pro-Life Movement (Part II of II) - By Frank Pavone



The Eucharist Defines the Pro-Life Movement

The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Life. "I am the Bread of Life. He who eats this Bread will live forever. I will raise him up on the last day" (Jn 6:47-58). The Eucharistic sacrifice is the very action of Christ by which He destroyed our death and restored our life. Whenever we gather for this sacrifice, we are celebrating the victory of life over death and, therefore, over abortion. The pro-life movement is not simply working "for" victory; we are working "from" victory. As St. Pope John Paul said, "Have no fear. The outcome of the battle for life is already decided." Our work is to apply the already established victory to every facet of our society.

Celebrating the Eucharist is the source and summit of such work.

The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love. The best symbol of love is not the heart, but rather, the crucifix. Abortion is the exact opposite of love. Love says, "*I sacrifice myself for the good of the other person.*" Abortion says, "*I sacrifice the other person for the good of myself.*" In the Eucharist, we see the meaning of love and receive the power to live it. Furthermore, the very same words that the Lord uses to teach us the meaning of love are also used by those who promote abortion: "This is my body." These four little words are spoken from opposite ends of the universe, with totally opposite results. Christ gives His body away so others might live; abortion supporters cling to their own bodies so others might die. Christ says "This is My Body given up for you; This is My Blood shed for you." These are the words of sacrifice; these are the words of love.

Indeed, the Eucharist gives the pro-life movement its marching order. It also provides the source of its energy, which is love. Indeed, if the pro-life movement is not a movement of love, then it is nothing at all. But if it is a movement of love, then nothing will stop it, for "Love is stronger than death, more powerful even than Hell" (Sg 8:6).



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Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast TODAY, February 8, after the morning Masses

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake breakfast after **TODAY'S 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 am Sunday Masses** in the Parish Hall!

Admission is \$10 per person.

Join us for a delicious breakfast!

Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, chorizo, and sausage. Coffee, juice, and water will also be available.

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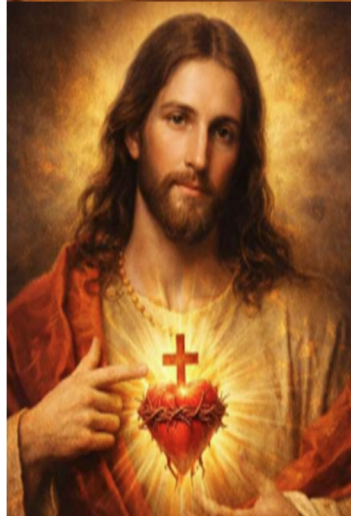
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With His Heart
**A Cor Jesu Evening of
Lenten Preparation**



Cor Jesu Gathering

Date: Friday, February 13

Time: 6:15—9:00 p.m.

What? Fellowship, Talk by Fr. Robert ("Preparing for Lent"), and Adoration

POTLUCK: Please bring a main dish or side dish to share (enough for about 8 people). Thank you!

Financial Offerings



January 31 / February 1, 2026

Unrestricted..... \$17,021.00

Restricted \$ 585.00

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January 3 / 4 \$40,186.00

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

Next weekend, **February 14/15**, one of the Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary members will speak after the Masses about financial assistance for the nuns. Also, pink envelopes will be in the pews for the special collection that will be taken at all the Masses for our Cloistered Carmelite Nuns in the Carmel of St. Teresa 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.



MEET THE NEWEST SOLEMNLY-PROFESSED MEMBER OF THEIR COMMUNITY: **SR. FAUSTINA MARY, OCD:** (PART I OF II):

Sr. Faustina (formerly Zena Brown) grew up in Pasadena as the youngest of six children. At the age of ten, she was baptized at Assumption Parish and received her First Holy Communion. At that time, the Lord first placed into her heart the call to become a nun. After graduating from UC-Davis with a Bachelor of Science in Textiles and Clothing, she felt the call to religious life once again. However, not yet ready to respond, she worked in the fashion industry for two years.

She then went on a silent retreat. As this retreat came to a close, one of the sisters in formation invited her to go on a "Come and See" retreat. She went and sometime later found a spiritual director who encouraged her to spend more time with God through daily Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, OCDS, and Adoration.

(Part II will be in next week's bulletin, February 15.)

Sr. Faustina Mary, OCD,
on the day of her Solemn
Profession on Oct. 5, 2025,
the Feast of St. Faustina

ARISE O LORD AND LET THY ENEMIES BE SCATTERED

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

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SHROVE TUESDAY

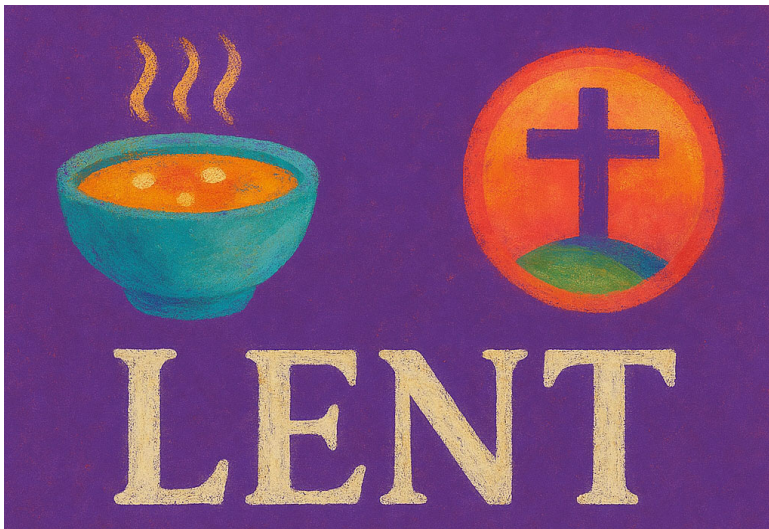
SOUP AND STATIONS HELD DURING LENT

This year, **ASH WEDNESDAY** will be on **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 on Friday, **February 20**, and will be sponsored by Saint Therese Carmelite School. The other 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.



THE FLAME OF LOVE: THE GREATEST GIFT OF GRACE FOR OUR TIME

"The grace from the Flame of Love of My Mother's Immaculate Heart will be to your generation what Noah's Ark was to his generation." —Jesus to Elizabeth Kindelmann, Third Order Carmelite

HOLY MASS: Nov 22, 1962—Mary: "If you attend Holy Mass while under no obligation to do so, and you are in a state of grace before God, during that time I will pour out the Flame of Love of my heart and blind Satan. My graces will flow abundantly to the souls for whom you offer the Holy Mass, because when Satan is blinded and devoid of his power, he is unable to do anything. The participation in the Holy Mass is what helps the most to blind Satan. Tormented and breathing out terrible vengeance, he wages a ferocious battle for souls since he feels the impending coming of his blindness.

"Even on Sunday, your day of rest, you will do vigils and attend as many Masses as possible. Offer them for the youth. Think of the many children guided every year to my Divine Son. How many souls are lost, not taking root because no one is concerned about their spiritual progress. Offer these days especially for the young."

Reference: Building on Solid Rock Flame of Love Retreats Session 4 at <https://flameoflove.us/building-on-solid-rock/> (with quotes from "The Spiritual Diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann").

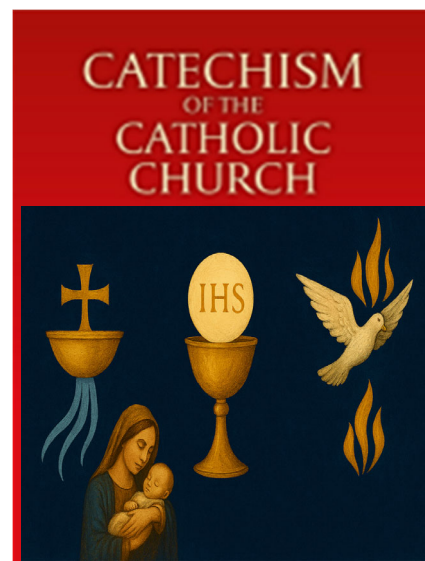
Join the Cenacle—Two cenacle sessions are available in the Avila Room every Monday. **One from noon to 2:00 p.m., the other one from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** For more info, please contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.



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."*



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

February 7—February 14, 2026

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Nicole Solaun, Birthday INT

Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m.: Fatima Cuarto, Birthday INT

9:00 a.m.: Ruth Laigo & Family, INT

11:00 a.m.: Jamie Arakawa, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Malia Garcia, INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Tiffany Lao, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Teresa Natalie Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Lucie Jacobs, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Albert Lay, INT

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

6 a.m.: Hannah & Moon Morris, B-Day INT

*7:30 am: Genevieve Brougher, INT

8:00 a.m.: Gonzalez Family, INT

7:15 p.m.: Jay Shower, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Corinne Godlewski, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Roberto Martinez, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Averyl Farrah Sia, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Khouw Lip Hing, RIP

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

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Kim Ki Chul, RIP

*7:30 am: Antonius Marinka, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Matthew Ng, Birthday INT

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 am: Rodolfo H. Deypalan, RIP

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(215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra.)**

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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"!

Pilgrimages

For the complete itineraries and applications for each 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)**