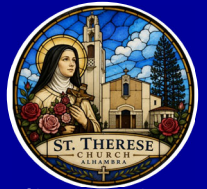




St Therese Catholic Church



September 6, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

*For where two or three
are gathered together
in my name,*



there am I in the midst of them.

- Matthew 18:20

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
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

Associate Pastors: Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, OCD

Fr. David Guzman, OCD X 1+232

In Residence: Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD;

Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD (X 1+226); Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD

Deacons: Deacon Gilbert Vargas | Deacon Otto Lacayo |

Deacon Rex Owens: Cell #s under CONTACTS on the

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ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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www.St.ThereseCarmeliteSchool.com

Principal: Alma Cornejo X 1 + 661

principal@St.thersecarmeliteschool.com

SACRAMENTS

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

ONLINE GIVING

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OF LA ST THERESE CHU.



PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

In this special year dedicated to St. John of the Cross, I've been wanting to share something from him, but I've been discerning and debating what would be appropriate for the bulletin. So, for now, I thought we could start with **St. John of the Cross' "Sayings of Light and Love."** These are short, little spiritual maxims very similar in style to the sayings of the Desert Fathers in the early Church. I pray that their wisdom can benefit you in some way!

Below are the first fifteen sayings.

—Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D.



1. **The Lord has always revealed** to mortals the treasures of His wisdom and His spirit, but now that the face of evil bares itself more and more, so does the Lord bare His treasures more.

2. **O Lord, my God**, who will seek you with simple and pure love, and not find that you are all one can desire, for you show yourself first and go out to meet those who seek you?

3. **Though the path is plain and smooth** for people of good will, those who walk it will not travel far, and will do so only with difficulty if they do not have good feet, courage, and tenacity of spirit.

4. **It is better to be burdened** and in company with the strong than to be unburdened and with the weak. When you are burdened, you are close to God, your strength, who abides with the afflicted. When you are relieved of the burden, you are close to yourself, your own weakness; for virtue and strength of soul grow and are confirmed in the trials of patience.

5. **Whoever wants to stand alone** without the support of a master and guide will be like the tree that stands alone in a field without a proprietor. No matter how much the tree bears, passers-by will pick the fruit before it ripens.

6. **A tree that is cultivated and guarded** through the care of its owner produces its fruit at the expected time.

7. **The virtuous soul that is alone** and without a master is like a lone burning coal; it will grow colder rather than hotter.

8. **Those who fall alone remain alone** in their fall, and they value their soul little since they entrust it to themselves alone.

9. **If you do not fear falling alone**, do you presume that you will rise up alone? Consider how much more can be accomplished by two together than by one alone.

10. **Whoever falls while heavily laden** will find it difficult to rise under the burden.

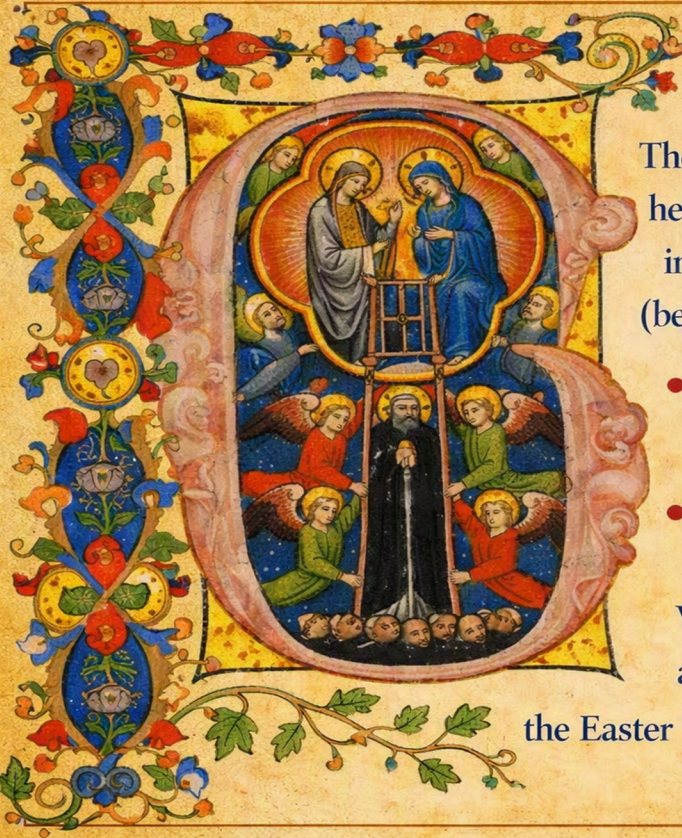
11. **The blind person who falls** will not be able to get up alone; the blind person who does not get up alone will go off on the wrong road.

12. **God desires the smallest degree of purity** of conscience in you more than all the works you can perform.

13. **God desires the least degree of obedience** and submissiveness more than all those services you think of rendering Him.

14. **God values in you the inclination to dryness** and suffering for love of Him more than all the consolations, spiritual visions, and meditations you could possibly have.

15. **Deny your desires** and you will find what your heart longs for. For how do you know if any desire of yours is according to God?



Parish Choir Resumes

The St. Therese Parish Choir rehearsals are held **every Thursday** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the choir room in the church basement (beginning Thursday, September 10.).

- The Choir sings at the 11:00 Mass from mid-September until early June.
- Highlights of the year include the *Requiem* Mass on November 2nd, Vespers in Advent, Christmas Midnight Mass, a Tenebrae Service during Holy Week, the Easter Vigil, and Pentecost Vespers.

FR. STEPHEN F. WATSON, OCD PRESENTS

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

The Life, the Times, and the Teachings

"Where there is no love, put love, and you will draw out love."
— ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

FR. STEPHEN INVITES YOU to attend his six-week class series, held from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room of the Parish Center on six selected Tuesdays—between September 15 and November 24.

COR JESU

— Youth & Family Ministry —

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS & FOLLOW ME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."
— MATTHEW 16:24

FRIDAY • SEPTEMBER 11, 2026 *Please bring a dish to share!*

	6:15 PM	PIZZA SOCIAL
	6:45 PM	GROUP ACTIVITIES & Faith Reflection
	8:15 PM	HOLY HOUR & CONFESSIONS

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME FOR HOLY HOUR & CONFESSIONS!

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What does it really mean to follow Jesus?
Come discover what it means to carry your cross with faith, courage, and hope. ♥

BRING A FRIEND. ♥ GROW IN FAITH. ✝ BECOME THE SAINT YOU ARE CALLED TO BE.

CATHOLIC SPEED DATING EVENT

For Catholics
between the
ages of 21 and 69

Saturday, September 19 • Parish Hall
A faith-centered evening for Catholic singles

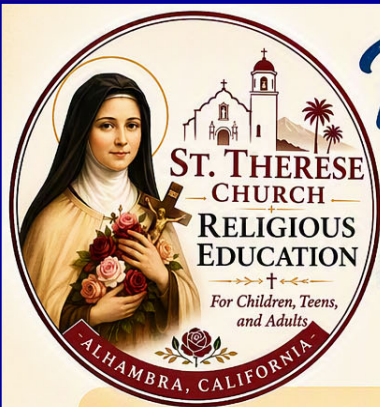
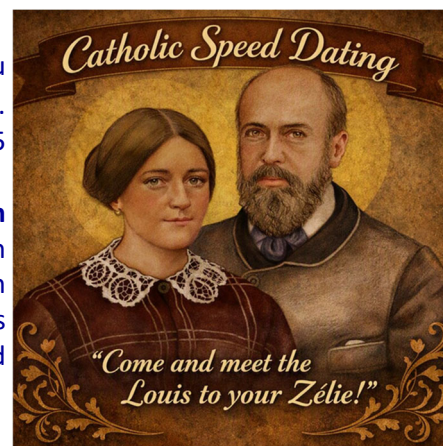
TWO sessions
for different
age ranges

This event is not just speed dating, *it's speed dating inspired by Ignatian spirituality*. Go beyond first impressions and learn how to intentionally discern each connection with God at the center. This is an opportunity to meet other Catholic singles while learning practical tools to recognize healthy connections and seek God's guidance in the dating process. Because finding a spouse isn't just about finding the right person, it's about becoming the person God is calling you to be and discerning His plan along the way. **There will be a short talk before each event that focuses on IGNATIAN DISCERNMENT and INTENTIONAL DATING.**

REGISTER! Go to the home page of our website and scroll down until you see the Speed Dating banner. Below it are two flyers for two different age groups. Click the appropriate flyer to go to the REGISTRATION SITE. There is a fee of \$35 per person. **FOR THE OLDER AGE RANGE, MORE MEN ARE NEEDED!!**

The first flyer is for an event that will take place on the above date **between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.**, and is for Catholics between the ages of **21 and 49** (LADIES in their 20's & 30's and GENTS in their 20's, 30's, and 40's). The second flyer is for an event that will take place on the above date **between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.**, and is for Catholics between the ages of **41 and 69** (LADIES in their 40's & 50's and GENTS in their 40's, 50's, and 60's).

TAKE A CHANCE AND SEE WHAT GOD HAS PLANNED FOR YOU!



Registration is **OPEN** for **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Classes**

YOU MAY EITHER



**REGISTER
ONLINE**

OR

DOWNLOAD THE FORM
from our website and
turn it into the offices at
510 North El Molino Street.



Go to <https://www.sttheresechurchalhabra.org/religiouseducationinfo>

Classes begin as follows:



GRADES 1-8, including
First Communion Classes
(10:15 to 11:45 a.m.):
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13



**HIGH SCHOOL
CONFIRMATION**,
Years One and Two
(6:30 - 8:00 p.m.):
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9



**ADULT CONFIRMATION
and OCIA**
(for those never baptized)
Choice of Thursdays from
7:00 to 9:00 p.m. or
Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.):
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10;
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**



The **LAST DAY to REGISTER is SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27!**



Healing Prayer Ministry **NEWS**



We will NO
LONGER
OFFER
Healing
Prayer after the
Monday
evening
Mass.

However, we still offer:

- Private prayer sessions
- Phone sessions and
- Participation at outside events or retreats.

This ministry will be available **after September 14**. For more info or to schedule an appointment, send an email to hpmstc1@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed for Childcare for COR JESU Youth & Family Ministry

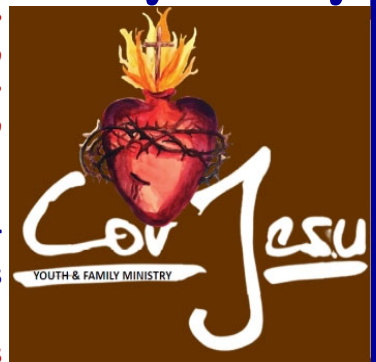
Jesus said, *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."*

~ Matthew 19:14

Do you have a love for sharing God's good news with children? Our Cor Jesu Youth & Family Ministry is growing, and we are looking

for enthusiastic volunteers to help on the second Friday evening of each month from September through May.

Whether leading a small group, helping with crafts, or assisting with childcare, there is a place for YOU! **Roles needed: Teachers, assistants, and childcare helpers.** Time commitment: Flexible rotation once a month. For more information, contact Maria Alejandra de Jesus at (626) 993-4236.



OFFICES CLOSED ON LABOR DAY (9/7); **NO EVENING MASS THAT DAY!**



In observance of Labor Day, the church offices will be closed on Monday, September 7.

Also, there will be **NO EVENING MASS AT 7:15 P.M., that evening.** Otherwise, Masses will be per our regular schedule (6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.).

Did You Receive A Recent Email from Fr. Peter Mary?

Last week, Fr. Peter Mary's email was hacked. That resulted in some of our parishioners (and others who are in his email contacts) receiving emails asking them to click on a link to sign a document (the emails used his actual email address). Also, if you are on Brother Charbel's email list, you may have received an "invitation" from him. His email was also hacked, and these invitations are not real. Check your installed apps on your computer to make sure there is not one that says *ScreenConnect*. If there is, uninstall it.

Please know that Fr. Peter would not send such an email, so if you get one in the future, please assume it is not really from him and don't click any link.



Jesus Tells Us, "Your Sins Are Forgiven"

The night air was still as I spoke to My apostles. They had seen the power of healing and the mercy that restores, yet they did not yet understand how deeply reconciliation would shape My Church. I told them, ***"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone."*** I wanted them to know that mercy begins quietly—not in judgment, but in love. The heart that seeks peace must first speak truth, not to condemn, but to heal.

When I said, ***"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven,"*** I was not giving them power for power's sake. I was giving them My own heart—the authority of compassion. ***In that moment, the Sacrament of Reconciliation was conceived: a sacred bridge between Heaven and earth, where grace flows through human hands.***

I knew that sin would wound My children, and pride would divide them. But I also knew that forgiveness would restore what was broken. Through My priests, through My Church, I would continue to speak the words that heal: ***"Your sins are forgiven."*** Each confession would be a return to Me—a soul stepping out of darkness into light.

When two or three gather in My name, I am there—not as a distant judge, but as a Friend who kneels beside them. I am in the midst of every act of mercy, every whispered prayer of repentance, every tear shed in humility. The Father delights in such unity. Heaven bends close when hearts reconcile. The chains of guilt fall away, and the soul rises free.



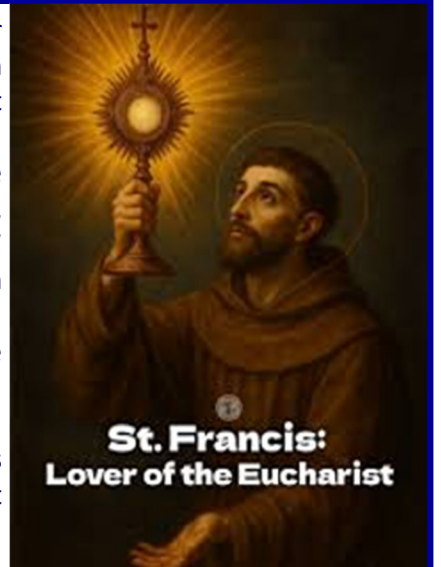
"O sublime humility! O humble sublimity! That the Lord of the whole universe, God and the Son of God, should humble Himself like this and hide under the form of a little bread, for our salvation!"

—St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – Oct 3, 1226—Feast day October 4)

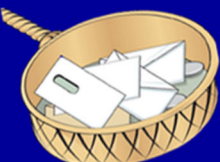
St. Francis of Assisi, one of our most beloved saints, is perhaps best known for his appreciation of nature and animals. He should, however, be recognized even more for his love of Jesus in the Eucharist, as that was one of the most important aspects of his spirituality and a major theme of his writings.

Because of St. Francis' devotion to the Eucharist, he wanted churches to be clean, in good repair, and beautiful in order to honor Jesus. After his conversion, he donated money and sacred vessels to poor churches in homage of Jesus' Presence there. He spent much of his time in prayer in the Church of San Damiano, and one of his early works of charity was to repair churches. Although he greatly valued poverty and did not spend money on himself, he wanted the best, most beautiful sacred vessels to be used in churches.

Catholics may assume there was great reverence toward Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in the Middle Ages, but there were problems then as well. In his letters and other writings, St. Francis frequently refers to the need to show great respect for the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord who gives Himself completely to us.



Financial Offerings



August 29 / 30, 2026

Unrestricted..... \$17,086.00
 Restricted \$ 660.00
T O T A L..... \$17,746.00

August 1 / 2 \$18,787.00
 August 8 / 9 \$21,389.00
 August 15 / 16 \$21,850.00
 August 22 / 23 \$17,280.00

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 easily credit
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Mass Intentions

September 5—12, 2026

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:

5:00 p.m.: Corazon Aclaro, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Teresa, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Maritza Brundige, INT

9:00 a.m.: Rory Putman, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Fidelina Adan, RIP

1:00 p.m.: Parishioners

5:00 p.m.: Ronaldo Cuarto, RIP

Monday—LABOR DAY:

6:00 a.m.: Alex Camacho, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Teresita, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Therese Huyen Duong Vu, INT

7:15 p.m.: NO MASS TONIGHT

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

6:00 a.m.: Exuperto Tejero, RIP

*7:30 am: STCS Students, Parents, Teachers

8:00 a.m.: Kay Tittmann, 90th Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: SG Mission Church Staff/Parish INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Nina Cox, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Elizabeth, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: CiCi Mao, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Gregory Goethals, SJ, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mrs. Terry Seidler, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Ian & Felicia Roppel, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Linda Kay Hesse, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Joseph Cheah Kin Hun, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Dr. Patrick McAllister, RIP

Saturday Morning

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

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

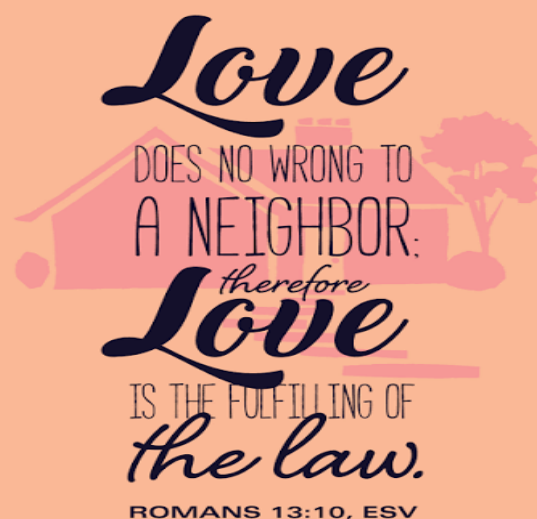
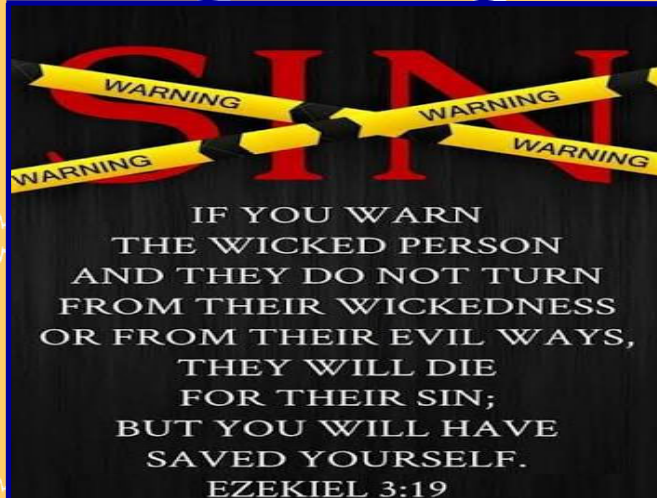
***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel
(215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra)**

***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"!

Pilgrimages



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