



St. Therese Catholic Church



March 1, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org



The Transfiguration

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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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,

I wish you all a blessed Lenten season! May this season be a time to grow in our prayer lives, especially as families. We will now continue with some important excerpts on family prayer from St. John Paul II's Apostolic Exhortation, *Familiaris Consortio*.

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD



St. John Paul II's Apostolic Exhortation, *Familiaris Consortio: Family Prayer*

59. Family prayer has its own characteristic qualities. It is prayer offered in common, husband and wife together, parents and children together. Communion in prayer is both a consequence of and a requirement for the communion bestowed by the sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony. The words with which the Lord Jesus promises His presence can be applied to the members of the Christian family in a special way: "Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in Heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" [150].

60. Christian parents have the specific responsibility of educating their children in prayer, introducing them to gradual discovery of the mystery of God and to personal dialogue with Him: "It is particularly in the Christian family, enriched by the grace and the office of the sacrament of Matrimony, that children should be taught, according to the faith received in Baptism, to have a knowledge of God, to worship Him, and to love their neighbor" [151].

The example of parents is fundamental and irreplaceable in educating their children to pray. Only by praying together with their children can a father and mother—exercising their royal priesthood—penetrate the innermost depths of their children's hearts—leaving an impression that the future events in their lives will not be able to efface. Let us again listen to the appeal made by (St.) Paul VI to parents: ***"Mothers, do you teach your children the Christian prayers? Do you prepare them, in conjunction with their teachers, for the sacraments that they receive: Confession, Communion, and Confirmation? Do you encourage them when they are sick to think of Christ suffering and to invoke the aid of the Blessed Virgin and the saints? Do you say the family Rosary together? Fathers, do you pray with your children? Your example of honesty in thought and action, joined to prayer, is a lesson for life, an act of worship of singular value. In this way you bring peace to your homes"*** [152].

61. An important purpose of the prayer of the domestic Church is to serve as the natural introduction for children to the liturgical prayer of the Church. Hence the need for gradual participation by all the members of the Christian family in the celebration of the Eucharist, especially on Sundays and feast days, and of the other sacraments, particularly the sacraments of Christian initiation of children. As preparation for the worship celebrated in church, the Christian family makes use of private prayer. Apart from morning and evening prayers, certain forms of prayer are to be expressly encouraged, such as reading and meditating on the word of God, devotion and consecration to the Sacred Heart, the various forms of veneration of the Blessed Mother, grace before and after meals, and observance of popular devotions.

While respecting the freedom of the children of God, the Church has always proposed certain practices of piety. Among these should be mentioned the recitation of the Rosary: "We now desire, as a continuation of the thought of our predecessors, to recommend strongly the recitation of the family Rosary... There is no doubt that...the Rosary should be considered as one of the best and most efficacious prayers in common that the Christian family is invited to recite. We like to think, and sincerely hope, that when the family gathers in prayer, the Rosary is a frequent and favored manner of praying" [155]. In this way, authentic devotion to Mary constitutes a special instrument for nourishing loving communion in the family and for developing conjugal and family spirituality. For she, the Mother of Christ and of the Church, is the Mother of Christian families, of domestic Churches.



FRIDAY SOUP NIGHTS AND STATIONS

Soup Nights are held in the Hall on Fridays during Lent—from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Stations follow in the church at 7:00 p.m. NOTE: This coming Friday, March 6, the first Friday of the month, the evening Mass will be celebrated after the Stations.

The next Soup Night will be **THIS FRIDAY, March 6**, and will be sponsored by Saint Therese Carmelite School. The coming weeks' sponsors are: **March 13:** Cor Jesu / Deus Vocat / Lay Missionaries of Charity; **March 20:** Retrouvaille Marriage Ministry; and **March 27:** The Knights of Columbus.

All donations go to the sponsoring ministries.



Saint Therese Carmelite School

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Schola Soup Nights

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

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

Our Schola Soup Night has been changed to Friday, March 6. All are invited and encouraged to attend Soup Night! Soup Night is free for all to attend, 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 APPEAL FOR THE CLOISTERED CARMELITE NUNS



Last weekend, one of the members of the Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary spoke about the nuns and their needs and the needs of the monastery. The pink envelopes are still in the pews for you to make a donation 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!

If you are interested in joining the Auxiliary Board or would like more information, please email KathleenNally@yahoo.com.



Before the Descent: A Glimpse of Glory

I led them up the mountain because their hearts were heavy, though they did not yet know why. Peter, James, and John walked behind Me, still thinking of crowds and expectations, of thrones and victories shaped by human hope. They loved Me, but their love was still learning how to trust the Father's way. On the mountain, I stood before the Father as I always do—in obedience, in surrender. What they saw was not something new being added to Me, but something briefly unveiled. The glory that flowed through Me was the glory I had with the Father from all eternity, now allowed to shine so their faith would not fail when darkness came.

Moses and Elijah—the Law and the Prophets—stood with Me, bearing witness that everything was unfolding as promised. We spoke of the road ahead—of suffering, of rejection, of the Cross. Even in glory, My heart was already turned toward Jerusalem, toward the gift I would soon make of My life. I felt the weight of the Father's voice descend like a mantle of love: a confirmation not only for Me, but



for them. They needed to hear that I am His beloved Son, because soon they would see Me bruised, silent, and condemned. They needed this moment of light stored in their memory, like a lamp kept for the night.

When they fell to the ground in fear, I stepped toward them. I always step toward fear, never away from it. I touched them and told them to rise. Glory is not meant to crush the human heart, but to strengthen it. They did not yet understand, but understanding would come later—after the Cross, after the empty tomb. As we walked back down the mountain, I carried their confusion with Me. I knew they would struggle to reconcile what they had seen with what they would soon witness. Still, I was patient. Faith grows slowly, like dawn over the hills.

The Transfiguration was a gift—given not to escape suffering, but to reveal that love is stronger than suffering. **What they saw for a moment is what awaits all who follow Me: transformation, not through power, but through trust in the Father's will.**

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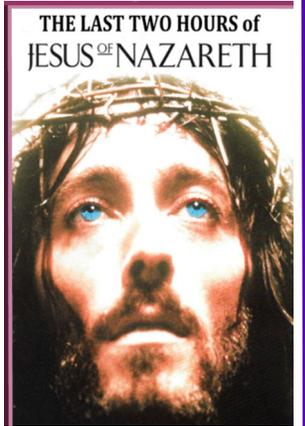
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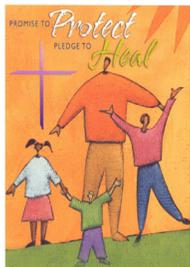
JESUS OF NAZARETH

Join us in the Hall on **SATURDAY, MARCH 21, at 6:30 p.m.**, to watch the last two hours of Franco Zeffirilli's 1977 film, starring Robert Powell.

This section takes us from the Last Supper to the Resurrection, and concludes with Jesus commissioning the disciples to go out to all the world. It leaves us with His powerful words, in which He promises to be with us "until the end of time."



SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN



DID YOU KNOW? Children and non-consensual images—Non-consensual intimate imagery (NCII) abuse can affect anyone, regardless of age or gender. In many cases, it can seem like the victim is part of the distribution of his or her own image. Even though a child may provide an intimate picture, children are not capable of understanding the implications or coping with perceived pressure to do so. No matter how an offender obtains intimate material, the victim's fear of images being shared can leave him or her feeling powerless and ashamed. NCII abuse can be used to further manipulate or blackmail a victim into more abusive scenarios.

For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "The Take It Down Act" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

LAETARE SUNDAY VESPERS



JOIN US IN THE CHURCH ON **SUNDAY, MARCH 15, AT 4:00 P.M.** to celebrate **Laetare Sunday** with choral and congregational Vespers and Adoration. The choral music will be by Handel, Lassus, and Victoria.

Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent, gets its name from the first few words of the Latin introit: "**Laetare, Jerusalem**" ("**Rejoice, O Jerusalem**"), from Isaiah 66:10. Traditionally, this Sunday has been a day of celebration within the austere period of Lent.

Financial Offerings



February 21 / 22, 2026

Unrestricted.....	\$18,262.00
Restricted	\$ 895.00
T O T A L.....	\$19,157.00

January 24 / 25	\$34,685.00
January 31 / Feb. 1....	\$17,606.00
February 7 / 8	\$18,110.00
February 14 / 15	\$19,728.00

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



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS
TO THE
IMMACULATE
HEART OF MARY

Mark your calendar for our next First Saturdays Devotion on March 7! Join us that morning after the 8:00 a.m. Mass for the Rosary and 15 minutes of meditation!

Thirteen Fatima Reminders From Sister Lúcia (from an article by Joseph Pronechen)

Servant of God Sister Lúcia of Fatima taught us much with her constant instruction and life lessons on the necessity of praying the Rosary, making the Five First Saturdays devotion, adoring and receiving the Holy Eucharist, making reparation, and more. Continuing with her letter of April 13, 1972, to her nephew, Fr. Jose dos Santos Valinhos, a Salesian superior in Portugal, she writes:

2. "Truth does not cease to exist simply because unbelievers deny it! What was true yesterday remains true today and will still be true tomorrow, because 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.'"

3. "In times such as the present, when the family often seems misunderstood in the form in which it was established by God, and is assailed by doctrines that are erroneous and contrary to the purposes for which the Divine Creator instituted it, surely God wished to address to us a reminder of the purpose for which He established the family in the world. God entrusted to the family the sacred mission of cooperating with Him in the work of creation. This decision to associate His poor creatures with His creative work is a great demonstration of the fatherly goodness of God. It is as if He were making them share in His creative power; making use of His children in order to bring forth new lives, which will flower on earth but be destined for Heaven."



Source: <https://ewtn.co.uk/article-13-fatima-reminders-from-sister-lucia/>



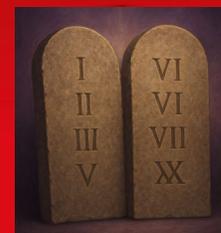
As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."
(Matthew 17:9)

Fr. Stephen's Next Class in His Catechism Series

Fr. Stephen's next class will be **TUESDAY, MARCH 10**—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.

Father's topic from the Catechism, "**The Ten Commandments**," will begin the third part of the Catechism. In it we are taught that "the *Decalogue* is a light offered to the conscience" (§2086) which expresses God's loving will for humanity and forms the foundation of moral life. The Ten Commandments reveal how to love God and neighbor, guiding human freedom toward what is good, true, and life-giving (CCC§2067). All adults are welcome to attend!

CATECHISM
OF THE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



Mass Intentions

February 28—March 7, 2026

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Cicero Gaité Bernales, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Maria Quyen, INT

7:30 a.m.: All Humanity and Thanksgiving for God's Creation

9:00 a.m.: Albert F. Macedonio, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Alicia & Maurice Ko, INT

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Geri Holman, Birthday INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: George Thottathil, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Teresa & Tiburcio Buenavente, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Sam Escobedo, RIP

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

6:00 a.m.: Holly Guest, RIP

*7:30 am: Mark Andrew Perez, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Albert Lay, INT

7:15 p.m.: Angie Hernandez, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Bennie Teng, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Monique Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Christina Torres, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Mary K. McMaster, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Monica Grimm, Birthday INT

+First Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Indah Lay, INT

*7:30 a.m.: M/M Peter Halpin & Fam., INT

8:00 a.m.: Wai Ching Lee Kwong, RIP

+7:15 p.m.: Julius & Carmina Doria, INT

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 am: Elisa Cruz, OCDS, 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

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, Tiberias, 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:

+ Gilbert Rico Limon

Husband of Carol Limon

(Funeral Mass on March 4 at 10 a.m.)

+ Cecelia Hawley

Mother of Joseph A"nchondo

(Funeral Mass on March 20 at 9:30 a.m.)

+ Wilhelmina "Willie" Crispo

Former long-time parishioner

(Memorial Mass on April 6 at 10:00 a.m.)