

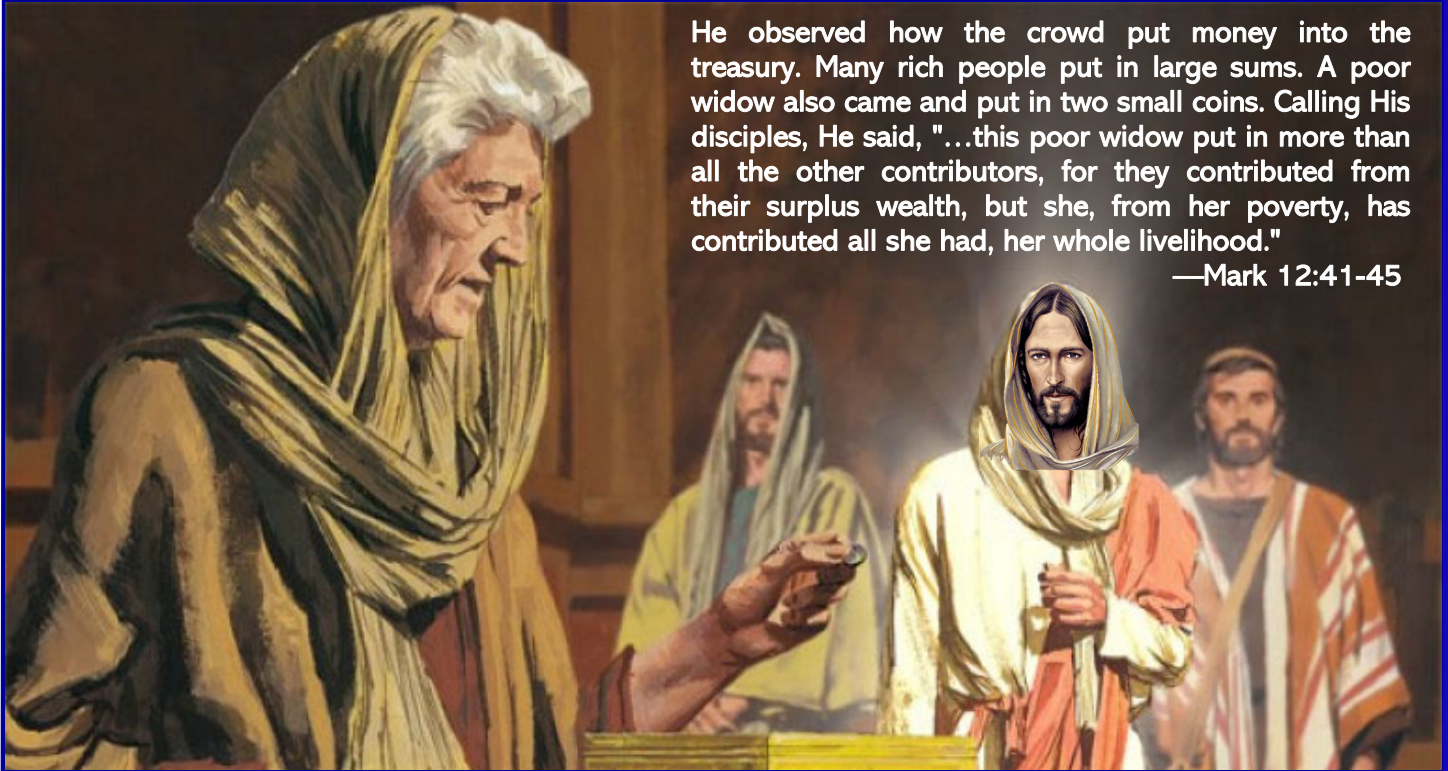
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He observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins. Calling His disciples, He said, "...this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors, for they contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

—Mark 12:41-45

## 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.

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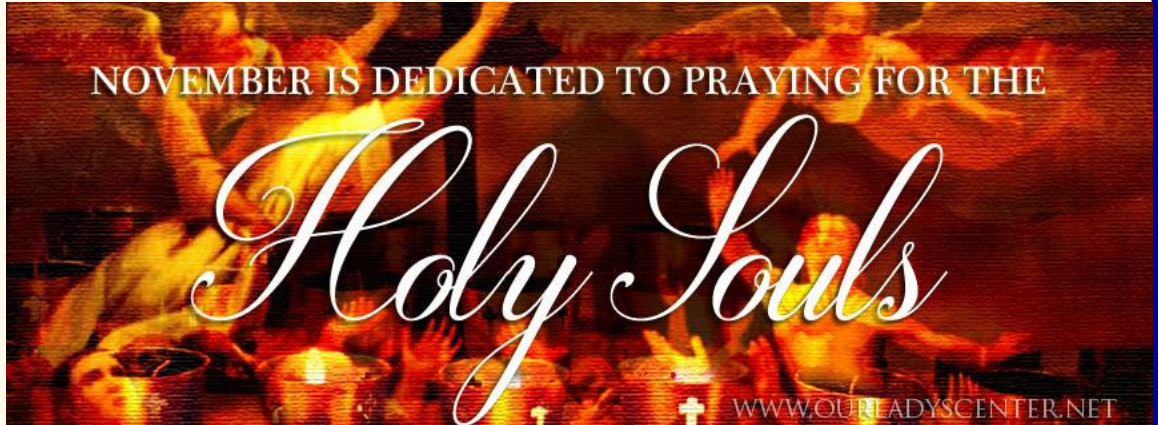
• Weddings: Register online at least six  
months in advance

• Anointing of the Sick: Call the office

# PASTOR'S COLUMN

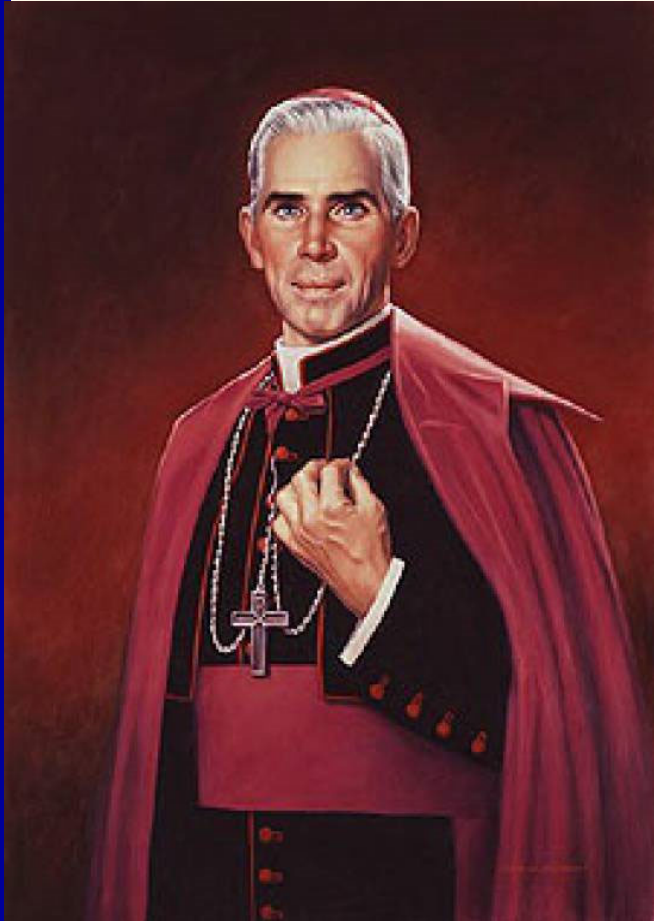
Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

November is the month dedicated to the Holy Souls. During this Month, we offer special prayers for all the faithful departed, especially for



our own deceased loved ones. We might be the only ones to pray for them, and they truly depend on our prayers.

When we speak of the Holy Souls, we acknowledge the reality of Purgatory. Purgatory is much misunderstood, even by Catholics. So, I want to share with you a beautiful explanation of Purgatory from **Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen**, given in Ireland in 1973 when he preached a Novena for St. Therese. Here is the excerpt:



“Now, when we go before the sight of God, remember, on the one hand, we will be very conscious of our failings and our sins and our debts, and we will pull back from the presence of Christ in shame. But on the other hand, what have we lived for all our lives? We’ve lived for Him! That’s why you come to church. That’s why you go to Communion. That’s why you pray, why you are patient in suffering. Your whole life is Christ-dedicated.

“So you see, you will be squeezed in between two movements. On the one hand, a deep sense of unworthiness, which will pull you away from the Lord, but also a tremendous sense of attraction because you want Him and He wants you. And when you get caught between those two feelings, that’s going to be a deep, burning sensation. That’s Purgatory.”

—Fr. Peter Mary

# TIME TO GET YOUR "GALA OF ROSES" TICKETS!

You are invited join us for the finale of our Centennial Year! The "Gala of Roses" Banquet will be held on **Saturday, January 11**, in the Mediterranean Ballroom at Brookside at the Rosebowl (1133 Rosemont Avenue, Pasadena).



## SCHEDULE FOR THE EVENING

- 4:00 p.m. - Registration
- 4:30 p.m. - Cocktail Hour
- 5:30 p.m. - Dinner, Dancing, & More!
- 9:30 p.m. - Closing



For the elderly and/or disabled, we will provide **shuttle service** from the parking lot to the Gala's entrance (at arrival only).

**Tickets are \$100 each** (\$1 for each year St. Therese Church in Alhambra

has existed!). The deadline to purchase tickets is December 28 or until they are sold out. Tickets will be sold after selected Masses and in the office starting THIS weekend (November 2 / 3). You can also **purchase them online** by scanning this QR code or going to the link on our website's homepage.



# REQUIEM MASS FOR ALL SOULS

## THIS FRIDAY EVENING



You are invited to our annual All Souls Requiem Mass **THIS Friday, November 15, at 7:15 p.m.** The **St. Therese Choir** will sing the **Fauré Requiem** (Gabriel Fauré died **100 years ago—on November 4, 1924**). The Mass will commemorate the souls of all our parishioners who have died this past year, the souls of all our loved ones, and all Carmelite souls.

If you'd like your loved ones prayed for, write their names on a card and place it in the special receptacle we will have in the church that evening between 7:00 and 7:15 p.m. The names of all those who died from November 2023 to the present will be chanted at the beginning of the Mass.

Following the Mass, a reception will be held in the Hall.  
**PLEASE JOIN US!**

# Financial Offerings

November 2 / 3, 2024

Unrestricted.....	\$25,106.00
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# Ushers & Usher Coordinator Needed!

## Ushers Needed



Fr. Peter Mary is seeking additional ushers AND an Usher Coordinator to serve at our weekend Masses!

If you think God may be calling you to serve, **call the office and leave your name and**

**number.**

Thank you for considering becoming a part of this important ministry!

# MOVIE NIGHT!

This month's featured movie is a Pixar family favorite, "UP." It's about an elderly man's journey to Paradise Falls in South America to fulfill his promise to his late wife, Ellie—using balloons to lift his house and float there. However, his journey is complicated by an unintended stowaway, a Boy Scout named Russell.



It will be on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16**, at **6:30 p.m.**, inside the Parish Hall.

**Free, including food and fun!**



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# RUMMAGE SALE



*This weekend!*  
**Saturday & Sunday**  
**8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**

Come find treasures for low prices! The school will be hosting their Fall Rummage Sale in the Parish Hall! Come one, come all, and snatch things up before they sell out!



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# PURGATORY IN THE SCRIPTURES



**What Scriptures can we look at that speak to Purgatory?** In 1 Corinthians 3:13-15, St. Paul says “the work of each will come to light, for the *Day* will disclose it. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each one’s work.” What he’s saying here is we’re going to go before the Lord on the *Day* of our judgment. This judgment is a fiery judgment wherein things that are less noble—the stains and wounds left by sin—will be burned away. This judgment fire is not the fires of Hell because it says, we’ll “be saved, but only as through fire;” and our Lord teaches that Hell fire is an *eterna!* fire. There’s purification needed due to the damage caused by our sins. After they are burnt away through fire, what’s left will be pure “gold,” so we may enter Heaven perfected by the power of Jesus Christ.

In **Matthew 12:32**, Jesus says, “Whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven either in this age or in *the age to come*.” This text implies that there is some forgiveness in “the age to come.” There isn’t any forgiveness needed in Heaven and none ever given in Hell, so it only makes sense that this forgiveness will happen in that place we call Purgatory (from the Latin word “purgatorium,” meaning a “place of cleansing”).

Jesus’ parable in **Matthew 5:25-26** says, “Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court with him. Otherwise, your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison....you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.” Look up this parable in context. You’ll see that the Lord is asking us to mind our way on the way to our last judgment. Who’s the judge? That’s the Lord. We know that the Father has handed all judgment over to His Son, that the world may revere Him. Who’s the opponent? It’s your own conscience. You know you’ve done some things that aren’t right, and you won’t be “released” from them until you’ve paid the last penny. If it’s about the life to come, where could this place be? It can’t be Heaven because that’s certainly not a prison. It isn’t Hell either, because it says it’s a place you can get out of once the last penny has been paid and you can never leave Hell; plus, the fires of Hell do not purify—they punish. This parable certainly assists us in seeing that Purgatory is necessary.

In **Hebrews 12:22-23**, it says, “...you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God...and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in Heaven, and God, the judge of all, and the spirits of the just *made perfect*.” We see Heaven described as a place of angels, of joy, of glory, and of the souls of the just made perfect. There is a lot of Scripture that either points to Purgatory, describes it, or in some way hints at the idea that something must have to take place after death to perfect us, as it says in the Book of Revelation, “...nothing unclean will enter it...” (**Revelation 21:27**).

## Fr. Stephen's Class is This Tuesday



**THE BIBLE, AND SACRED TRADITION.”**

Sacred tradition and Sacred Scripture form one sacred deposit of the word of God, committed to the Church. Holding fast to this deposit, the entire holy people—united with their shepherds—remain steadfast in the teaching of the Apostles, in the common life, in the Breaking of the Bread, and in prayers. Holding to, practicing and professing the heritage of the Faith, it becomes, on the part of the bishops and the faithful, a single common effort.

The topic for Fr. Stephen’s next class (on **Tuesday, November 12, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., upstairs in the Parish Center**) in his series on the “*The Mystery of the Church*” will be: “**THE CHURCH,**

## Prayer for the Dead...

Eternal rest grant unto the **souls of our loved ones**, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

## Comfort for the Living

Heavenly Father, comfort **those who mourn and carry heavy hearts**. Surround them with your peace and fill them with the hope of the Resurrection. May they feel the closeness of your Love and find strength in the promise that we will one day be reunited in your eternal embrace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## "Let Me Introduce You..." By Fr. Stephen F. Watson OCD



The pressure of meeting a weekly deadline spurs one to action. Just back from my road trip to the Sierras and beyond with Fr. Karol Milewski, OCD (one of our Carmelite Friars who had been visiting here from Israel), I was on the lookout for a family to interview for this bulletin. Some of you are shy or, perhaps, private when asked to be featured in this bulletin—and I do get turned down. However, Divine Providence came to my rescue!

After last Sunday's Vigil Mass, I saw a couple with their daughter and called them over. I reminded them that I'd met them once before and said I'd like to write a story about them for the bulletin. Happily, they were obliging. This is the story of **Rob and Erin Coleman**.

Erin and her younger brother grew up in Pomona, sharing a multicultural heritage. Her father is a first-generation Mexican-American, and her mother came to America from Turkey at the age of nine. Erin graduated with a degree in Global Studies from UC Santa Barbara. Rob Coleman grew up in Anaheim, the youngest of nine. He is a graduate of UC Berkeley, where he earned his

degree in History and Philosophy.

Although Rob and Erin grew up twenty miles apart, they met for the first time in 2008 at Pepperdine Law School—in the first week of school no less! Erin told a friend that if she and Rob ever started dating, they'd surely end up married! Rob also felt the connection immediately and made sure to sit next to Erin in every class. When they decided to get married in 2013, Yosemite Valley felt like the perfect place to begin their journey together since each had spent summers camping in Yosemite with their families. (After forty-five years in California, I myself saw Yosemite for the *first* time on my trip with Fr. Karol. It is truly a heavenly place on earth!)

During her high school years, Erin began visiting Sacred Heart Retreat Center. She dreamed of living nearby one day. After residing for a few years in Claremont, the Colemans started attending the Latin Mass at St. Therese in 2015. Erin's dream came true when they were able to buy a house on North Cordova Street in 2017. Their house is the one that can be seen from space when it's lit up at Christmastime. 😊

After years of heartfelt prayers and a special devotion to St. Elizabeth, which they experienced during a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2021, they were overjoyed to receive news of an adoption match on May 31, 2022, the Feast of the Visitation—the day commemorating the Blessed Virgin's visit to her cousin Elizabeth. "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leapt in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit" (Luke 1:41). Their beautiful daughter, Maria Dolores Elizabeth "Dolly" Coleman, arrived on September 7, 2022, and was soon baptized at St. Therese, a cherished addition to their family.

Today, Rob is a trusts and estates attorney at Musick, Peeler & Garrett in Los Angeles. He is on the board of the LA Estate Planning Council and is an active member of other professional groups. He regularly gives presentations on estate planning at local parishes for the LA Archdiocese. Rob, along with parishioner Paul de Partee and Steven Nelson (a parishioner at San Secondo d'Asti) co-founded *Gaudent Angeli* ([www.gaudentangeli.com](http://www.gaudentangeli.com)), a nonprofit dedicated to spreading devotion to LA's patroness, St. Vibiana.

After a decade practicing as a white collar defense litigator, Erin became in-house counsel at Pepperdine University. Alongside parishioners Jenny Rueda and Jenna DePartee, Erin recently co-founded "Zelie's Circle"—a welcoming group at St. Therese for mothers with young children. The group gathers every Thursday at Story Park for the Rosary and playtime, creating joyful memories and community for mothers and children alike. Erin is also a master baker, charcuterie board architect, and hostess.

It is important to remember that "God does not make us holy and save us merely as individuals without bond or link with one another. Rather, it has pleased Him to bring us together as one people" (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, No. 9). Christ is present when we gather as a people to worship Him, especially at Mass. The world needs our witness as a people called by Him. We thank Rob and Erin for sharing a little bit about themselves.

**The Coleman Family is part of the rich 100-year history of St. Therese Parish.  
Let us all walk with St. Therese as we journey together in faith during our Centennial year.**

# Mass Intentions

**November 9—November 16, 2024**

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: All Souls Novena 7

Sunday

\*7:30 a.m.: All Families, INT

7:30 a.m.: All Souls Novena 8

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Thompson Family, INT

1 p.m. (Latin): Candelaria Marrero Ferreira, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Martha Perez, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Florence Sia, Birthday INT

\*7:30 am: Ricardo C. Barretto, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Joseph & Hellena Raney, RIP

7:15 p.m.: All Souls Novena 9

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Yongshan Hua, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Angelo Catania, RIP

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

7:15 p.m.: Aurelia Dy, Birthday INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Silverio Reyes, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: James McDonnell, INT

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

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Daniel Hummel, INT

\*7:30 am: Helga & Ellena Cheah Wong, INT

8:00 a.m.: Edgar Lopez, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Bonnie Lourdes Uy, RIP

\*7:30 am: Paul Hoa Tran, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Daniel Manriquez, RIP

Saturday (Morning):

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

8:00 a.m.: Ashley Michele Hackery, INT

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

**\*Open to the public except on 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

**PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE, AND ITALY** with Fr. Julius Ntalo, OCD: Join this 14-day pilgrimage from July 11 to 24, 2025, to all four countries listed above. For more info and to receive an itinerary, contact ABM Tours at 310-514-3323 or 408-903-6305 or maddatubeth2@gmail.com. See more info at abmtours.com.

**ST. TERESE PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE** with Fr. Peter Mary & Fr. Robert from Sept 21 to Oct 3, 2025. For info, go to <https://prorometours.com/sainttherese/> or contact ProRome Tours at (434) 953-1112 or [office@prorome.com](mailto:office@prorome.com). **TWENTY-FIVE PARISHIONERS** have already signed up!

## Outside the Parish

Guadalupe Pregnancy Services (GPS) invites you to their **2024 Gala (FAITHFUL AND FRUITFUL)** on Saturday, November 23, at 6:00 pm., at St. Anthony Parish Hall, 1901 S. San Gabriel Blvd. \$90 per person. Register and pay at: <https://www.pregnancy-gps.org/Gala-Registration-2024.html> or mail your check to: Guadalupe Pregnancy Services, P.O. Box 1192, Alhambra, CA 91802. IF YOU ARE ON OUR E-BLAST LIST, the registration forms can be found there (if you'd prefer to mail it in).



**Praise the Lord,  
my soul!**

Psalms 146:7

## Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**+ Darlene Morales  
(mother of Cassandra Salgado)**

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