



St Therese Catholic Church



September 20, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."



MASSSES | 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

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

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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 St. Therese Church.

Open your banking app; then
scan this Zelle QR code. Use
email donateSTC@gmail.com.

If asked, the recipient is THE
ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP
OF LA ST THERESE CHU.



PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

Thank you to those of you who responded to my appeal for our school last weekend! For those who have not yet responded, you can still turn in your blue envelopes at the Parish Office (you can also drop them into the mail slot to the right of the door). Also, just a reminder, please leave the cards with the QR codes in the pews. They are strictly for electronic donations to the Parish.

Let us now continue reading from St. John of the Cross' spiritual maxims called, *Sayings of Light and Love* (Numbers 26 through 40).

—Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D.



26. **Lord God, my Beloved**, if you will still remember my sins in such a way that you do not do what I beg of you, do your will concerning them, my God, which is what I most desire, and exercise your goodness and mercy, and you will be known through them. And if you are waiting for my good works so as to hear my prayer through their means, grant them to me, and work them for me, and the sufferings you desire to accept, and let it be done. But if you are not waiting for my works, what is it that makes you wait, my most clement Lord? Why do you delay? For if, after all, I am to receive the grace and mercy that I

entreat of you in your Son, take my mite, since you desire it, and grant me this blessing.

27. **Mine are the heavens and mine is the earth.** Mine are the nations, the just are mine, and mine the sinners. The angels are mine, and the Mother of God, and all things are mine; and God Himself is mine and for me, because Christ is mine and all for me. What do you ask, then, and seek, my soul? Yours is all of this, and all is for you. Do not engage yourself in something less or pay heed to the crumbs that fall from your Father's table. Go forth and exult in your Glory! Hide yourself in it and rejoice, and you will obtain the supplications of your heart.
28. **The very pure spirit** does not bother about the regard of others or human respect, but communes inwardly with God, alone and in solitude as to all forms, and with delightful tranquility, for the knowledge of God is received in divine silence.
29. **A soul enkindled with love** is a gentle, meek, humble, and patient soul.
30. **A soul that is hard** because of self-love grows harder.
31. **O good Jesus**, if you do not soften it, it will ever continue in its natural hardness.
32. **If you lose an opportunity**, you will be like one who lets the bird fly away; you will never get it back.
33. **I didn't know you, my Lord**, because I still desired to know and relish things.
34. **Well and good** if all things change, Lord God, provided we are rooted in you.
35. **One human thought alone** is worth more than the entire world, hence God alone is worthy of it.
36. **For the insensible**, what you do not feel; for the sensible, the senses; and for the spirit of God, thought.
37. **Reflect that your guardian angel** does not always move your desire for an action, but he does always enlighten your reason. Hence, in order to practice virtue, do not wait until you feel like it, for your reason and intellect are insufficient.
38. **When fixed on something else**, one's appetite leaves no room for the angel to move it.
39. **My spirit has become dry** because it forgets to feed on you.
40. **What you most seek and desire**, you will not find by this way of yours, nor through high contemplation, but in much humility and submission of heart.

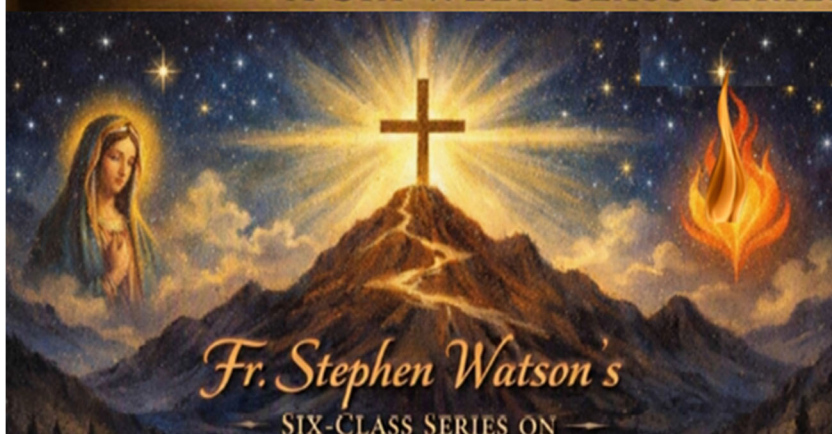
DAUGHTERS of the MOST HIGH

10-Week Women's Book Study

Held on Fridays at 7:00 PM in the Lisieux Room in the Parish Office Building,
starting September 18th. On First Fridays, the meetings move to First
Saturdays at 11:00 AM. Please RSVP at (831) 435-6501 or ivonnerg12@yahoo.com.

What if peace were possible by learning to remain rooted in God in the midst of problems? Starting September 18, the **Daughters of the Most High Women's Ministry** invites you to a ten-week journey through Fr. Jacques Philippe's beloved book, ***Searching for and Maintaining Peace***. We'll explore **how to guard the peace of our hearts, surrender what we can't control, trust God more deeply, and recognize the obstacles that steal our interior peace**. Whether you're walking through a season of healing, uncertainty, waiting, or simply longing for a deeper relationship with the Lord, there is a place for you here! New members always welcome! See the info above for more info and RSVP soon! See the full-size flyer on our website.

A SIX-WEEK CLASS SERIES (TWICE A MONTH)



THE LIFE, THE TIMES, AND THE TEACHINGS OF *St. John of the Cross*

FR. STEPHEN INVITES YOU to come to this class series to learn more about St. John of the Cross. The next class will be Tuesday, September 29 (each class can stand on its own, so you do not have to have been at the first class to attend now).

For the second class, Fr. Steve will guide the class in examining the POETRY of St. John as the fount of his mystical theology and his teaching on the interior life of prayer and contemplation. He will also explain what "contemplation" is.

IN THE PARISH MEETING ROOM
IN THE PARISH CENTER

FROM 7:30 TO 9:00 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 15 AND 29
OCTOBER 13 AND 27
NOVEMBER 10 AND 24

ST. MICHAEL'S ARMY MINISTRY

Rosaries & Religious Items



To honor the Feast of St. Michael and the Holy Archangels, St. Michael's Army Ministry will have a table in the church vestibule with rosaries and sacred items available for purchase. Cash, Zelle, and Venmo are accepted!

Saturday, September 26th • 3:00 PM–6:00 PM

Sunday, September 27th • 10:00 AM–6:00 PM

Parish Choir Has Resumed

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 (Rehearsals resumed on September 10, but it's not too late to join us!).

- 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.

A Step-by-Step Walkthrough of the Mass

Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 48: The Epiclesis—Continuing now with the

individual parts of the Eucharistic Prayer, we come to a really action-packed moment: the Epiclesis (a common pronunciation is Epp-eh-clee-sis). Charles Belmonte teaches, "In the Epiclesis, the priest requests God the Father to send the Holy Spirit ... At the same time, the priest extends his hands, palms downward, over the chalice and host, and traces the sign of the cross over them. With this gesture, he asks God to pour His blessing over the gifts offered and to turn them into His Son's Body and Blood" (Understanding the Mass, p. 135).

Why Bells Are Sometimes Used during the Epiclesis—Depending on your local traditions, you may hear a few bells at different times during the Eucharistic Prayer, including at the Sanctus, Epiclesis, elevation of the Body and Blood of Jesus after Consecration, and after the priest receives Communion. Why bells? During the Eucharistic Prayer, the sound of a bell can direct our attention to important moments, such as kneeling in preparation for Jesus who is to become present, asking the Holy Spirit to make our gifts of bread and wine worthy for the sacrifice of the Mass, looking upon our Lord truly present in adoration elevated above the altar, or in our immediate preparation for Holy Communion.

So, the next time you hear that bell or see the priest extend his hands palms-down over the offering, remember that we are asking the Holy Spirit to sanctify the gifts and each one of our hearts!

Source: Fr. Luke Spannagel's blog: www.stphils.com/church/Eucharistic-revival-walk-through-the-Mass/

Financial Offerings



September 12 / 13, 2026

Unrestricted.....	\$18,492.00
Restricted	\$ 380.00
TOTAL.....	\$18,872.00

August 15 / 16	\$21,850.00
August 22 / 23	\$17,280.00
August 29 / 30	\$17,746.00
September 5 / 6	\$18,086.00

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

ST. THERESE CHURCH MOVIE NIGHT

JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL EVENING
UNDER THE STARS!

OCTOBER 3

IN THE PARKING LOT
ON OUR
BIG SCREEN



COMPLIMENTARY
DINNER
STARTING AT 6:30 P.M.



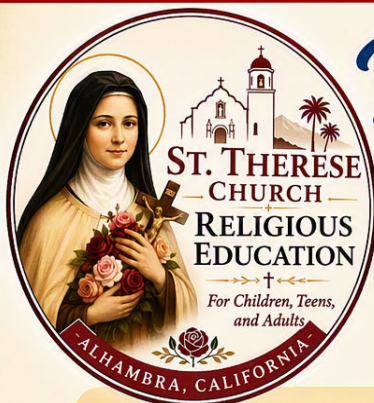
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BY THE MOVIE

THE
CHRONICLES OF
NARNIA

THE LION, THE WITCH
— AND THE WARDROBE —
(2005)



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FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & A GREAT MOVIE!



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!**



"The Vineyard of Mercy": A Meditation on Matthew 20:1-16

I speak to you as the Master of the Vineyard—the One who calls at dawn and again at noon, at mid-afternoon, and even when the sun is sinking low. My voice does not fade with the hours; it reaches every heart that still listens. When I told the parable of the laborers in the vineyard, I saw the faces of those who would serve Me faithfully from their youth—steady, devoted, enduring the heat of the day. I also saw the faces of those who would wander far and would squander years in the pursuit of empty



pleasures and shadows, but who would—with sorrow and trembling—seek the gate of My Vineyard at the eleventh hour.

My Father's mercy is not measured by the clock. His love does not shrink with time. When the latecomer arrives, dusty and ashamed, He does not ask, "Where have you

been?" He says, "Come, child, there is still work to do, and still joy to share." You who have labored long—do not fear that your reward will be diminished. You have known the sweetness of My presence through many seasons. You have tasted the peace that comes from daily faithfulness. That peace is its own wage, poured out through every sunrise of your service.

And you who come late, do not despair. Though your hands are untested and your heart still learning to trust, I welcome you with the same embrace. For when you turn from sin and make reparation with love, you enter the same Vineyard, and the same mercy flows toward you. The world counts hours and achievements; I count hearts. The world measures success; I measure surrender. The one who kneels at twilight with tears of repentance stands beside the one who rose at dawn with steadfast devotion. Both are beloved to Me.

Do not envy the reward of the sinner who finds grace at the end, nor pity the saint who has borne the long day with Me at his side. Each has been touched by the same mercy—the mercy that restores, heals, and makes whole. When you see a soul return after years of wandering, rejoice! For the Vineyard is fuller, the harvest richer. Every conversion is a new cluster of grapes pressed into the wine of eternal life. The last shall be first, not because I reverse the order of justice, but because I reveal the depth of love. The Father's generosity is not a ledger; it is a fountain. It overflows beyond fairness into grace.

So come—whether you have walked with Me since morning or only now hear My call at dusk. Bring your weariness, your regrets, your small acts of faith. The day is ending, and your Master waits with open arms. In My kingdom, the measure is not time but transformation. The reward is not earned but given. And when the evening comes, all who have entered the Vineyard—early or late—will rest together in the light of My mercy and love.

Mass Intentions

September 19—26, 2026

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:

**5:00 p.m.: All Humanity and Thanksgiving
for God's Creation**

Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m.: Honor of the Holy Family

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11 a.m.: Albert & Mary Helen Estrada, Anniv. INT

1 pm Vatche & Monica Kouyoumjian, Anniv. INT

5:00 p.m.: Belen Juarez, RIP

Monday:

**6:00 a.m.: All Humanity and Thanksgiving
for God's Creation**

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

8:00 a.m.: Martha Putman, INT

7:15 p.m.: Ian & Felicia Roppel, INT

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

6:00 a.m.: Randolph Reyes, INT

***7:30 am: Mrs. Terry Seidler, RIP**

8:00 a.m.: Gerardo Adan, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Esperanza Estrada, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Jose Kenzelman, INT

***7:30 a.m.: Hailey Addison Cheah, INT**

8:00 a.m.: Serra Grimm, 11th B-Day INT

Thursday:

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

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

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

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Emelito David, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: All Children, INT

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: All Children, INT

***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"!

Outside the Parish

SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF DIXIELAND JAZZ (SPDJ): SPDJ is holding a **Membership Drive for the remainder of 2026.** For just \$13, you can become a member and enjoy the 4-hour live entertainment program on the day you receive your membership card at no additional charge. After that, members may attend the event on the 4th Sunday of each month through the end of 2026 for \$15 admission per visit. Non-member admission is \$20 per visit. Be sure to tell them Angie sent you! Events are held at the Arcadia Elks Lodge, 27 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia. (SPDJ rents the facility from the Elks Lodge.) **For more information and the schedule of events, visit www.SPDJ.org.**

SEE THE WEBSITE homepage under *OUTSIDE THE PARISH* for several flyers with details about other events happening near us.



Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

+ DONN CANZANO

(former parishioner & husband of Jean Canzano)

+ BRO. THOMAS AQUINAS

(long-time attendee of the Latin Mass)

+ MARIA YU

(sister of Parishioner Helda Yu)

Personal Ads

Reliable and tidy working lady is looking to **RENT A QUIET ROOM** in a local home with access to the kitchen for meal prep. Please call Ms. A at (626) 576-8186 in Alhambra.

BRING COMFORT TO YOUR LOVED ONE. STC Parishioner with 12 years caregiving experience offers dedicated, non-medical hospice support.

- Bedside prayers (Rosary, Divine Mercy)
- Respite care for family rest
- Gentle family guidance
- Flexible and negotiable hourly rates

Call (626) 840-8575.