

St. Therese Catholic Church



January 18, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org



"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" —John 1:29

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

Associate Pastors: Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, OCD

Fr. David Guzman, OCD X 1+232

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(X 1+226), Fr. Raymond Bueno, OCD (X 1+222),

Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD

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Deacon Rex Owens: All at X 1+333;

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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,

As we just concluded the Jubilee Year of Hope for the entire Church on January 6, we Carmelites began a new **Jubilee Year of St. John of the Cross** on December 13, 2025. This year of 2026 marks the 300th anniversary of the canonization of St. John of the Cross and his 100th anniversary of being made a Doctor of the Church. **The St. John of the Cross Jubilee Year was inaugurated on December 13 with the opening of the holy door at the Church of the Sepulcher of St. John of the Cross in Segovia and will extend until December 26, 2026**, when the closing ceremony will take place in Úbeda, the town in the province of Jaén where he died.

As one way to celebrate this special year, **our Parish Lenten Mission will be on St. John of the Cross and will be led by one of our Carmelite friars from Oakville, California**. Stay tuned for more details and dates as we get closer to Lent.

See the section below for some words for this occasion from the **Provincial of the Iberian Carmelite Province, Fr. Francisco Sanchez Oreja**.

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD

Seek the Divine and Immerse Yourselves in God

by Fr. Francisco Sanchez Oreja, O.C.D.



“The centenaries serve to confirm that St. John of the Cross, whom we are celebrating, is still alive and has a word he continues to speak. The message he has left us is one of seeking the divine and of calling us to immerse ourselves in God in a lived experience of theological life.

“It is the message of an eminent witness of

the living God who speaks of Him and the things of God, a message to forge and form believers in mature faith, in a greater intimacy with God. John lived in an atmosphere of prayer, a witness of God with a great capacity for interiority and contemplation who seeks the truth that lies beyond what we perceive at first glance. His example is an ideal for life; his writings, a treasure to share with all those who seek the face of God today; and his doctrine, a word for us today.”



Saint Therese Carmelite School

Faith ✠ Academics ✠ Virtue

Open House

Sunday,
January 25,
10:00 am-3:00 pm
TK-8th Grade



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**COME
JOIN
US ON**

**THE FEAST
DAY OF THE
HOLY FACE**

SHROVE TUESDAY

**ARISE O LORD AND LET
THY ENEMIES BE SCATTERED**

HOLY FACE CONFERENCE

Tuesday, February 17, 2026: 9 am - 11 pm
Pico Rivera Sports Arena
11003 Sports Arena Dr., Pico Rivera, CA 90601
www.myremnantarmy.com
Toll Free: 844-415-3314

Fr. Michael Barry, SS.CC
Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, O.C.D.
Guest Speaker Zachary King
and much more ...



SCAN TO REGISTER



DINNER IN HONOR OF THE PRIESTHOOD



All parishioners are invited to come to the Hall on **Friday evening, January 30**, to celebrate the priesthood of all our Carmelite Friars, especially **Fr. David Guzman's "Sweet Sixteenth" Anniversary of Ordination** on the actual day of the celebration (he was ordained on **January 30, 2010**).

The other dates of ordination—in chronological order—are: **Fr. Albert's on June 3, 1967** (58 plus years); **Fr. Stephen's on June 16, 1984** (41 plus years); **Fr. Robert Elias' on June 13, 2008** (17 plus years); **Fr. Raymond's**

on October 13, 2012 (14 plus years); and **Fr. Peter Mary's on August 15, 2015** (ten plus years). And let's not forget **Bro. Jason** who—though not ordained—made his solemn profession as a Carmelite brother on **February 11, 2014**.

For the dinner, we will be serving tacos with all the fixings in the Parish Hall from **6:00 to 10:00 p.m.** If you would like to **bring a side dish or a dessert** and/or would like to **volunteer your help**, please email stMichaelsArmy@protonmail.com.

"Behold the Lamb!" - Called to Reflect His Light

Isaiah speaks to a profound truth: "You are my servant... I will make you a light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:3,6). This promise reaches its fullness in Christ, of whom John the Baptist proclaims: "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). In these words, we discover our identity and mission: to reflect Christ's light in a world longing for hope.

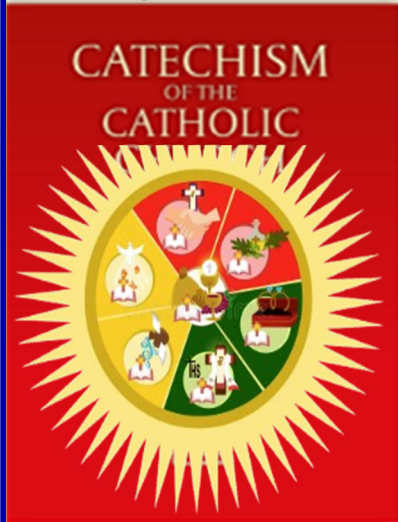
The Psalmist gives voice to our response: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will" (Ps 40:8). God does not desire empty ritual but hearts surrendered in love. St. Paul reminds the Corinthians—and us—that we are "called to be holy" (1 Corinthians 1:2). Holiness is not passive; it is a dynamic journey of faith, shaped by grace and lived in service.

This call resonates deeply during the Jubilee year of St. John of the Cross. His teaching invites us to embrace the mystery of faith: the soul finds light by passing through the night of trust, clinging to God alone. In a world of noise and distraction, John's wisdom is a beacon—true transformation comes when we let go of self and allow Christ to shine through us.

Like John the Baptist, we are not the light but witnesses to the Light. Our lives, marked by humility and love, point beyond ourselves to Christ, the Lamb who takes away sin and brings peace. As we celebrate this grace-filled time, may we renew our commitment to live as servants of God's mission—radiating His light in every word and deed.



Fr. Stephen's Series of Classes on the Catechism of the Catholic Church



Fr. Stephen's next class in this series will be held **Tuesday, January 27**—from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room (every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, unless otherwise notified).

This class is on **Part II of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, titled "*The Celebration of the Christian Mystery*."** The specific focus for this class is **The Seven Sacraments**.

This section explains how God's saving work is made present and effective in the Church through the seven visible signs of grace called Sacraments.

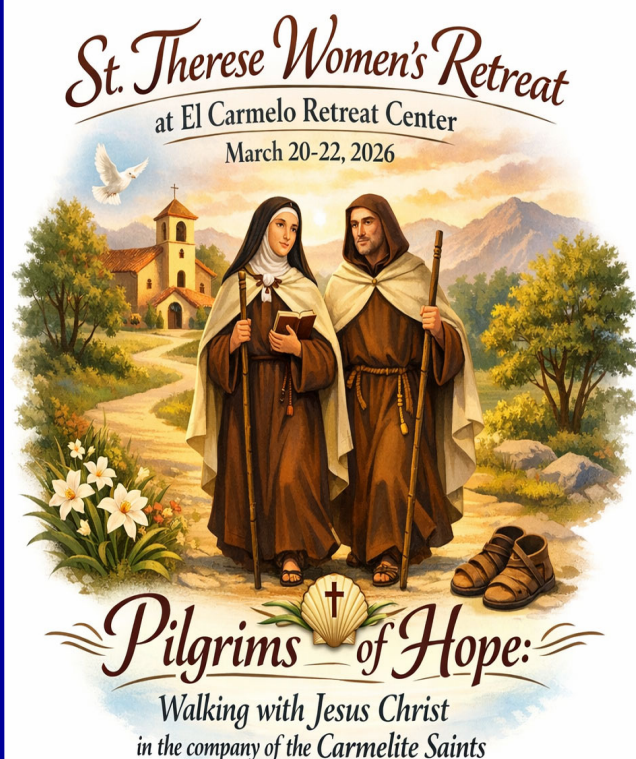
Each class stands on its own, so you may join at any time.

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 card will be 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, please 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.

DEUS VOCAT ST. VALENTINE'S COUPLES' DATE NIGHT



Celebrate the gift of marriage and rekindle the joy of your vocation together! Whether you are discerning marriage, engaged, newlyweds, or celebrating many years of wedded life, this evening is designed to help couples renew their love and commitment in the holy Sacrament of Marriage.

Date: Saturday, February 14, 2026

Time: 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Location: St. Therese Parish Hall

Donation: \$50 per couple (includes dinner)

RSVP: Simply text Marcela Figueroa de Alcala at (626) 940-4899 with your name and the number of tickets you would like to purchase.



THE EVENING WILL FEATURE:

...romantic music, dinner, and a fun couples' activity. Come ready to laugh, pray, and celebrate your vocation together!

Financial Offerings



January 10 / 11, 2026

Unrestricted..... \$12,796.00

Restricted \$ 950.00

T O T A L.....\$13,746.00

December 20 / 21 \$24,811.00

Christmas 2025 \$21,244.00

December 27 / 28 \$18,101.00

January 3 / 4 \$40,186.00

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

Mass Intentions

January 17—January 24, 2026

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Genoveva Muñoz, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Thanh Ha Nguyen & Family, INT

7:30 a.m.: Bruman Wang Valle, INT

9:00 a.m.: Therese Hong Nguyen, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Emily Hill, B-day
and Parishioners INT

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Jeannie Zino, Birthday INT

5:00 pm: Edward Samuel Holguin, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Soriano Fuentes, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Harry J. Jacobs, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Stephen Grimm, 4th B-day INT

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

6:00 a.m.: Mike & Lori Abril, 30th Ann. INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Ray & Laura Cuevas, INT

+7:15 p.m.: Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Alberto Fuentes, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mark Andrew Perez, INT

8:00 a.m.: Mariano Aguilar, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Tito Sia, Jr., INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Mary Frances Magana, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Megan Shields, Birthday INT

*7:30 am: Isaías Diokno, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Ronnie Ellis, RIP

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Joe Muñoz, 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

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.



Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

+ PATRICK McALLISTER

(Husband of Delores McAllister)

Pat's funeral will be at St. Therese as follows:

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

9:30 a.m.: Rosary; 10:00 a.m.: Mass

+ SUE ANTRAM

(Sister of Ray Cuevas)

+ JULIA MUNIZ

(Aunt of Veronica Barnett)

