



St Therese Catholic Church



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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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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

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese, I want to begin by thanking all the coordinators and volunteers who made our Fourth of July Parish Celebration such a wonderful success. May our country be blessed with another 250 years as "one nation under God."

This weekend, **we welcome Fr. Sebastian Josephraj, who is making a Mission Appeal on behalf of the Diocese of Madras-Mylapore, India, and will be preaching at all our Masses.** Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the missions, especially our Carmelite Mission in Uganda.

As we continue our Novena in preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, I would like to share a **portion of a joint letter issued by our two Carmelite Generals a few years ago in commemoration of this great feast.** **Happy Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel! —Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D.**



There is a firmly-rooted conviction in the history of our Carmelite family: Closeness to Mary and intimacy with her have always been for us a source of motivation, renewal, and fruitfulness, as well as the path that leads us through the night and strengthens us in times of crisis. Mary has been our "Stella Maris" ("Star of the Sea") in the turbulent waters of each generation.

Carmel was born in the womb of Mary, from the inexhaustible Source of the God who called her to be the Mother of His Son, under the shadow of the Holy Spirit. We have been woven and shaped in the image of Jesus. We believe that, through this constant "being formed and born in Mary," the vocation of every Carmelite becomes more authentic each day. As it was for Mary, being Carmelite

means being trained to listen to the Word. We are inspired by the Carmelite Rule, which urges us to do everything in the Word of God. We take inspiration also from the teaching of St. Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, whose love for the Blessed Virgin was inspired by the way Mary is found in the Gospels. (Read her poem, *'Why I Love You, Mary'*). The Gospels present Mary as a person "who pondered all these things in her heart," one who enveloped everything in prayer. Her prayer was a permanent response to the Word of God in her life, revealing the dignity of the human person, created by God, inhabited by the divine Presence, and capable of knowing God's love.

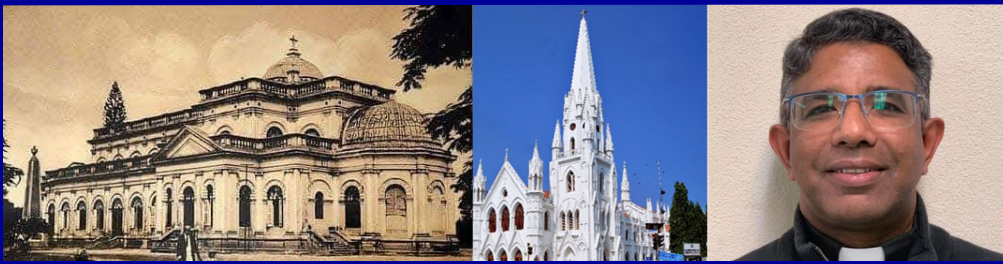
"Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could" (Luke 1:39). From the earliest times, the Carmelite tradition looked upon the icon of Mary on her journey to visit her cousin, carrying Jesus in her womb, as the best model of contemplation for others on their journeys—a perfect synthesis of contemplation and action, uniting Martha and Mary. "Believe me, Martha and Mary must join together in order to show hospitality to the Lord and have Him always present, and not host Him badly by failing to give Him something to eat" (Teresa de Jesús).

Mary went as quickly as she could—that is, with a lively heart and burning love—to the hill country to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who, the angel had told her, was with child. Nazareth was a long way from that Hill country, identified today as Ain Karim, not far from Jerusalem. In Mary, prayer became acceptance, availability, and service. It began with the Word of the Angel and now it is the expression of a love without limits, freely received and freely given; love that is the root of what we are and what we seek: **"Rejoice, do not be afraid; the Spirit will come upon you, for nothing is impossible to God."** The beauty of God is given to Mary by the same Holy Spirit given to us. It is like a garment of holiness that God gave to Mary at the Annunciation, like a living Carmelite Scapular.

When we pray the Hail Mary, we have a doorway to the experience of the Incarnation—that moment when Mary received the Word, and the grace and presence of God became flesh. Each time we pray the Hail Mary, that miracle of grace and the heart of the covenant is reproduced in us. The Hail Mary opens us to the declaration of love that God makes to Mary and to each one of us, awaiting our "yes" to that same love—not with excuses or defenses, nor by dwelling on our unworthiness, but by joyfully accepting the gift that comes from God. Mary knew that God loved her and, recalling the words of St. Teresa of Jesus, her prayer "was nothing other than conversation in friendship, remaining frequently alone with the One who we know loves us" (Life 8,5). This kind of experience and consciousness is the root and foundation of our prayer. We, like Mary, are full of grace.

Mission Co-Op Speaker & Collection This Weekend!

To Assist the People of the Diocese of Madras Mylapore in India



Left: Original Santhome Cathedral (up to 1894); Center: the Cathedral today; Right: Fr. Sebastian Josephraj

St. Thomas, one of the twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ, walked on the sands of Madras Mylapore, southern India, and preached the Gospel to the people, who then embraced Christianity. This great

Apostle was martyred on St. Thomas Mount in Madras Mylapore in the year 72 AD, and his mortal remains are buried beneath **Santhome Cathedral—one of only three churches in the world built directly over the burial site of an original apostle.**

Please welcome **Fr. Sebastian Josephraj**, who is visiting with us this weekend to preach at all our Masses about the needs of the people of Madras Mylapore (although Fr. Sebastian was born and raised in India, he is currently an Associate Pastor at St. Andrew in Pasadena and a Mission Co-Op speaker).

Please use one of the Mission Co-Op envelopes that are in the pews to make a donation.

“Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for Me” (Matthew 25:40).

Triduum of Masses | Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

The last worldwide Marian Year in the Catholic Church was proclaimed by St. Pope John Paul II and observed from June 7, 1987, through August 15, 1988. During that year, the Pope issued his encyclical on the Blessed Virgin Mary, *Redemptoris Mater* (“Mother of the Redeemer”).

As part of the Triduum of Masses at St. Therese Parish celebrated to prepare for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, **Fr. Stephen Watson will present a three-part reflection on the teachings of this encyclical:**

- **Monday, July 13: Mary in the Mystery of Christ**
- **Tuesday, July 14: The Mother of God at the Center of the Pilgrim Church**
- **Wednesday, July 15: Mary's Maternal Mediation**

On the Feast Day, Thursday, July 16, Fr. Stephen will **enroll those who have NEVER previously been enrolled in the Brown Scapular.** If you've never been enrolled but wish to be, please bring your own Brown Scapular with you. Since enrollment is a one-time event, those already enrolled do not need to be enrolled again.

Brown Scapulars are available for purchase at the parish gift shop following all Sunday Masses.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL:

We will continue to pray the Novena to Our Lady of Mount Carmel at each of the Masses through July 15 (began on July 7). The Novena Prayer “card” can be found in the pews.



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Day of Prayer and Reflection for Vocations

"What is Your State of Life?"

July 25, 2026
 St. Therese Parish Hall
 9:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...
 singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
 with gratitude in your hearts to God." — Colossians 3:16*

SCHEDULE

Welcome and Introduction
 Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD

Talks on:

- The Priesthood and Diaconate
- Marriage and Family Life
- Single and Consecrated Life
- Religious Life

Lunch
 Confessions
 Vocation Rosary
 Panel of Speakers

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Thank You for a Wonderful Fourth of July Celebration!

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to everyone who volunteered, donated, organized, and participated in our Fourth of July Celebration. It was truly a great success—a real "Fun-cess!" A very special word of gratitude goes to **LILLIAN MARQUEZ**, our overall coordinator, whose energy, creativity, and organizational skills helped make the day so memorable. Lillian is a dynamo, and with the help of her outstanding team, she developed many of the ideas that made this year's celebration so enjoyable, including the themed raffle baskets, game and activity booths, delicious BBQ meal selections, the water slide, and the jumper. The water slide proved to be a favorite attraction for all ages—even Fr. Robert couldn't resist taking a couple of turns!

We also extend our sincere thanks to all the parish groups, families, and individuals who generously donated and assembled the twenty themed raffle baskets. Your creativity and generosity added excitement to the day and helped make the raffle a fun attraction. **Congratulations to all those who took home one or more baskets!** The evening concluded with a Fourth of July fireworks show, coordinated by our **"pyrotechnician," Fr. Robert**, and made possible through the **generous donation of fireworks by the Knights of Columbus (along with the bbq meet!)**. The colorful display provided a wonderful finale to our celebration!

Events such as these remind us what a special Parish Community we have. They are only possible because so many people willingly give of their time, talent, and treasure for the benefit of others. Whether you worked behind the scenes, volunteered at a booth, prepared food, donated supplies, purchased raffle tickets, or simply came to enjoy the festivities and support the Parish . . . **THANK YOU!**

May God bless all who helped create such a joyful day of faith, fellowship, fun, and community spirit. We look forward to celebrating together again!

"Many hands make light work, and many hearts make a joyful parish."



The Flame of Love – The Greatest Gift of Grace for Our Time



"The grace from the Flame of Love of My Mother's Immaculate Heart will be to your generation what Noah's Ark was to his generation." —Jesus to Elizabeth Kindelmann, (Third Order Carmelite)

Repentance

Brings Joy

April 8, 1962—Jesus: "You know how pleased I am when you prostrate before Me and say that you are sorry for your sins as no sinner has ever been sorry, and that you want to love Me more than all converted sinners. . . . What happiness your profound and sincere repentance has also gained for the heavenly Father. Continue to repent every moment of your life."

July 27, 1964—Jesus: "What unites Me with you? Your inexhaustible repentance! Yes, this is what inebriates Me. Poor little soul, listen to My words giving recognition to what you're capable of. You inebriate the most high and all powerful God. Understand this great marvel: you can make Me happy by your repentance for your sins."

August 11, 1964—Jesus: "You, beloved! You! Your sorrow for sins makes your soul – and that of all who come close to Me with true sorrow for sins – beautiful and pleasing."

Reference: Building on Solid Rock Flame of Love Retreats Session 4 @ <https://flameoflove.us/building-on-solid-rock/> (with quotes from "The Spiritual Diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann")

Join the Cenacle: Two cenacle sessions are available in the Avila Room every Monday—one from noon to 2:00 p.m.; the other one from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. For more info, please contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.



Saint Therese Carmelite School Faith ✦ Academics ✦ Virtue

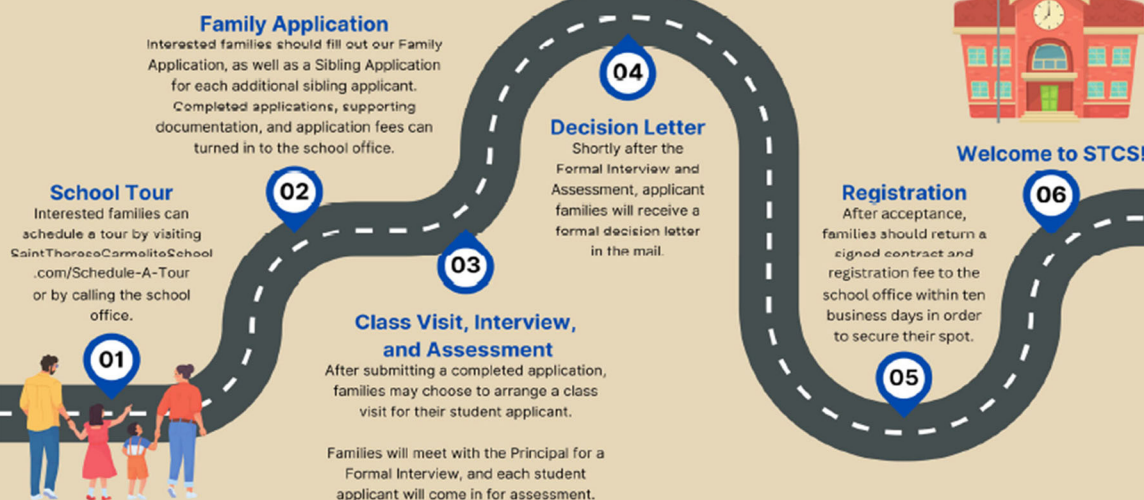
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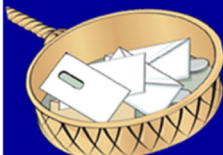
Financial Offerings

July 4 / 5, 2026

Unrestricted..... \$19,253.00
Restricted \$ 1,590.00
T O T A L..... \$20,843.00

June 6 / 7 \$20,082.00
June 13 / 14 \$27,584.00
June 20 / 21 \$31,384.00
June 27 / 28 \$16,851.00

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



Mass Intentions

July 11—July 18, 2026

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:

5:00 p.m.: Julianna Gott, INT

Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m.: Jan Ralwei, INT

9:00 a.m.: Eve, INT

11:00 am: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, INT

1:00 p.m.: Elisa Arambula, INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Carlos Mata, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: The Mao Family, INT

7:15 p.m.: Juan Cano, INT

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

6:00 a.m.: Ernie Grimm, 25th B-Day INT

*7:30 a.m.: Philip Tittmann, 1st B-Day INT

8:00 a.m.: Vanessa Morales, INT

7:15 p.m.: Romeo Buenaente, RIP

Wednesday:

6 a.m.: Peter & Madge Cain, 3rd Anniv INT

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

8:00 am: Vanessa Morales, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Vanessa Morales, INT

*7:30 a.m.: The Carmelite Order INT

8:00 a.m.: Cathleen Thompson, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Carlos Mata, RIP

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

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

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Emma Goodwin, 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"!

Pilgrimages

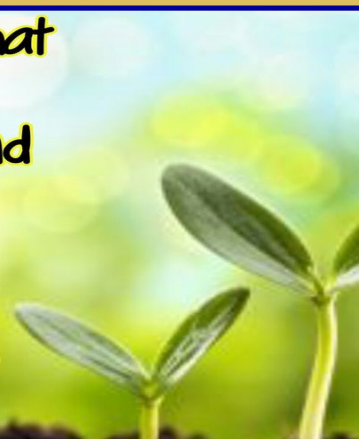
The complete itinerary for the following pilgrimage is on the website (OUTSIDE THE PARISH section).

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE with Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, from November 22—December 3, 2026. Walk in the footsteps of Jesus in 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 much more! \$4,599 each (from LAX). Contact: Albert or Mary Helen Estrada at (626) 533-4839.



**The seed that
falls on
good ground
will yield
a fruitful
harvest.**

Psalm 65:10



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Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

+ Ernesto Meza Garibaldi
(Father of Ernesto Meza)

Monday, July 13:

10:00 a.m.: Funeral Mass
Burial Following at Rose Hills in Whittier