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St. Therese Catholic Church



August 10, 2025 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org



"FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS,
THERE ALSO WILL YOUR HEART BE."

-LUKE 12:34

"YOU ALSO MUST BE
PREPARED, FOR
AT AN HOUR YOU DO
NOT EXPECT, THE
SON OF MAN WILL
COME." LUKE 12:40

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
(*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

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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page
or on the Church's website >Our School > Videos



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,

This weekend we are hosting a missionary bishop from India to preach a Mission appeal at our Parish. I know from my time in Uganda that it's always good to be reminded of the needs of the larger Church throughout the world. And it's fitting to finish St. Therese's letter to Maurice Belliere, her missionary brother, on this occasion!

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD



Letter from St. Thérèse to Fr. Belliere July 18, 1897 (Letter 258) - Part Two

J.M.J.T.—Jesus +



I would like to try to make you understand by a very simple comparison how much Jesus loves even imperfect souls who entrust themselves to Him: Suppose that a father has two mischievous and disobedient children, and that coming to punish them he sees one who trembles and goes away from him in terror, yet having in his heart the feeling that he deserves to be punished; and that his brother, on the contrary, throws himself into the father's arms saying that he regrets having hurt him, that he loves him and that, to prove it, he will be good from now on. Then this child asks his father to punish him with a kiss. I do not believe that the heart of the happy father can resist the filial confidence of his child whose sincerity and love he knows. He is not unaware, however, that his son will fall back into the same faults more than once, but he is ready to forgive him always, if his son still seizes his heart. I am not telling you anything about the first child, my dear little brother; you must understand if his father can love him so much and treat him with the same indulgence as the other...

But why talk to you about the life of trust and love? I explain myself so badly that I have to wait for Heaven to talk to you about this happy life. What I wanted to do today was console you. Ah! how happy I would be if you welcomed my death as Mother Agnes of Jesus does. You are probably unaware that she is twice my sister and that it was she who served as my mother in my childhood. Our good Mother was very afraid that her sensitive nature and her great affection for me would make my departure very bitter to her; the opposite happened. She speaks of my death as of a celebration and it is a great consolation for me. I beg you, my dear little brother, try like her to persuade yourself that instead of losing me you will find me, and that I will never leave you again.

Ask the same grace for the Mother whom you love and whom I love even more than you love her, since she is my visible Jesus. I would gladly give you what you ask for if I had not taken a vow of poverty, but because of it I cannot even have an image. It is our Mother alone who can satisfy you, and I know that she *will* satisfy your desires. Precisely, in view of my approaching death, my sister photographed me for the feast of our Mother. The novices exclaimed when they saw that I was looking a bit serious. It seems that I am usually more smiling; but believe, my little brother, that if my photograph does not smile at you, my soul will

not stop smiling at you when she will be near you.

Farewell, my dear and very beloved brother, believe that I will be your true little sister for all eternity.

Thérèse of the Child Jesus



The above photo is the one referenced in Thérèse's letter above. Three separate shots were taken by Céline (Sr. Genevieve) on June 7, 1897, in the Carmel courtyard.

Mission Appeal This Weekend



THIS WEEKEND, August 9 and 10, is the Annual Mission Co-Op Appeal. **BISHOP AMALRAJ** of the Diocese of Ootacamund in India (established in 1955 by Pope Pius XII) is here to speak at all this weekend's Masses.

A second collection will be taken for his Diocese.

The Diocese of Ootacamund is located in the mountainous region of Tamil Nadu, India. With a Catholic population of approximately 98,000 (five percent of the population), the Diocese is served by 150 priests, 415 religious, and serves 67 parishes, 226 mission stations, and 22 high schools. Two-thirds of the population is illiterate, and most families rely on daily-wage labor, earning about \$4 per day.

The Diocese is home to several indigenous tribes, who face barriers to education due to lack of proper roads. The Diocese has been blessed with a high number of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. However, limited resources make it challenging to support seminarians preparing for priesthood.

Funds raised through this appeal will be used specifically for the education of children in orphanages and the support of seminarians in the Diocese. The Bishop is grateful for your generosity and prayers.

MAXIMILIAN SCHELL
RICARDO MONTALBAN
LEA PADOVANI
AND AKIM TAMIROFF

**Saturday, August 23, 7:00 p.m.,
on St. Therese Church's BIG SCREEN
in the Parking Lot!**

**HOT DOGS,
POPCORN,
and More
will be
available!**

The Reluctant Saint
The incredible true story of
ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO
"The Flying Friar"

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION



The Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven—body and soul—is **THIS Friday, August 15th**. It is a holy day of obligation for Catholics to attend Mass (times are **6:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and 7:15 p.m.**) You are also welcomed to attend the 7:30 a.m. Mass at the Cloistered Nuns' Chapel.

WHAT IS THE ASSUMPTION? The Assumption of Mary into Heaven is a dogma of the Catholic Church which teaches that at the end of her earthly life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory. This belief emphasizes Mary's special role as the Mother of Jesus Christ as well as her purity and holiness, as she was free from original sin.

The Assumption signifies that Mary, having completed her earthly mission, was honored by God with this extraordinary grace, serving as a sign of hope and the promise of eternal life for all faithful Christians. This event highlights the belief in the resurrection of the body and the eternal life promised to all who follow Christ.

Religious Ed Registration



In-person registration is in the Parish Hall **TODAY...**

Sunday, August 10, and next Sunday, August 17, From 8:30 a.m. to Noon (after the 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. Masses).

Families are invited to register their children for:

- First Communion
- Confirmation
- Non-Sacramental Classes

Adults who need Confirmation and those who have never been baptized are invited to register for the **OCIA program** (formerly RCIA).

Application forms will be available on site. For first-time students, **please bring the original and one copy of the BIRTH and BAPTISMAL certificates.**

Come by with any questions and to submit your completed form. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming your family!

For more information, visit the Church website where you may also register online. ↴

www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org/ReligiousEducationInfo



Celebrate Religious Education

REPARATION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

Every Tuesday 8:00PM-9:15PM
St. Therese Church

1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra, Ca 91801



"It was the Little Flower's (St. Therese's) devotion to the Holy Face, which drove her to unparalleled heights of sanctity." - Fr. Emeric B. Scallan

Tuesdays are traditionally dedicated to the Holy Face of Jesus. The primary purpose is to make reparation for sins against the first three Commandments: denial of God, blasphemy, and profanation of Sundays and Holy Days.

Join us **EVERY TUESDAY** at 8pm after evening mass:

- + Brief Spiritual Reading
- + Reparation Prayers
- + Holy Rosary
- + Holy Face Chaplet

"Reparation is a work destined to save society!"
-Blessed Pope Pius IX

Financial Offerings



August 2 / 3, 2025

Unrestricted..... \$13,267.00
Restricted \$ 3,966.00
T O T A L.....\$17,233.00

July 5 / 6 \$20,150.00
July 12 / 13 \$24,205.00
July 19 / 20 \$18,385.00
July 26 / 27 \$21,699.00

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

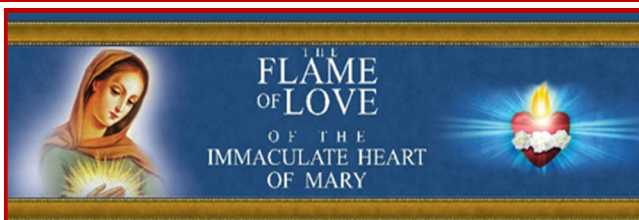
The Relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux Are Coming!



After 25 years, the magnificent reliquary of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face will once again grace the United States. Wherever she goes, hearts are moved, crowds gather, and countless graces flow. As she promised on her deathbed: "I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth..." and "I will let fall a shower of roses..."

The relics of our beloved patroness will be **visiting St. Therese on October 11, 12, and the morning of October 13**. For the full national and local schedule, visit: <https://StThereseUSA2025.com/schedule-of-events>.

Don't miss this rare and grace-filled opportunity to welcome the Little Flower into your heart! To volunteer during the visit, send a **TEXT MESSAGE ONLY** to Amber at (626) 840-7250 (no calls please).



Understanding Love

God IS LOVE - Love as self-sacrifice as opposed to love as self-fulfillment.

If we get love wrong, we get everything wrong because **God IS Love**. Without realizing it, we often try to live our Christianity without Christ, with just our human love and goodness.

From *The Dialogue of Saint Catherine of Siena*, God speaking in sections, 48 & 51: "Now you have seen how deluded these souls are, and how painfully they make their way to hell—like martyrs of the devil! You have seen what it is that blinds them: the cloud of selfish love plastered over the pupil that is the light of faith."

"You know that every evil is grounded in selfish love of oneself. This love is a cloud that blots out the light of reason. It is in reason that the light of faith is held, and one cannot lose the one without losing the other."

Reference: Building on Solid Rock Flame of Love Retreats Session 2 @ <https://flameoflove.us/building-on-solid-rock/>

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.



Does Dating While Catholic Feel Like...

Scan Me!



You are stuck in a desert for 40 Days and Nights, Hungry, Alone and Tempted by the devil

-Sounds like you need Errow

Pro-Life Client Advocate Training

GPS | Guadalupe Pregnancy Services

Guadalupe Pregnancy Center Services (GPS) will host a ProLife Client Advocate (CA) Training as follows:

Date: Saturday, August 16, 2025

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**Place: 1168 San Gabriel Blvd. Ste. E,
Rosemead 91770**

If you wish to volunteer as a prolife client advocate, learn active listening, fetal development, parenting skills, and other areas related to supporting women/men and their babies, this training is for you.

Please RSVP by text to (323) 360-5186 by this Wednesday, August 13. You will receive a confirmation response.

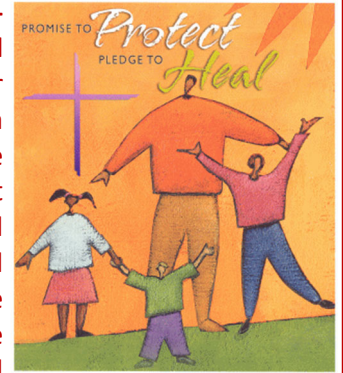


Safeguard the Children

DID YOU KNOW? Far-reaching effects of child abuse:

Children who suffer from sexual abuse run a greater risk of negative associated outcomes, not only with their mental health, but also suicidal tendencies, potential future abuse, more cognitive deficits, or lower educational

interests and efforts. Abused children are also at higher risk for eating disorders, obesity, early onset of puberty, or chronic health issues. Ultimately, abuse has far-reaching consequences beyond childhood for many victims, and it is critical to act quickly to protect potential victims. It's important to remember that any intervention or supportive response from a safe adult can reduce the risk of many or all negative outcomes. For more information, read the VIRTUS article "Disclosures Part 1: Why are Disclosures Important?" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



Saint Therese Carmelite School

Faith ✠ Academics ✠ Virtue

Welcome Back, Saints!



We are excited to welcome our teachers and students back to campus on **Wednesday, August 20**. Please keep us all in your prayers as we begin an exciting new school year!

Each year, we dedicate our school year to a special patronage. During this Jubilee year, we have chosen to dedicate our school year to St. Therese of Lisieux, in honor of the 100th anniversary of her canonization on May 17, 1925.

We invite you to join us in praying for her intercession this school year and in preparing to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our school next year!

St. Therese of Lisieux, pray for us!

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Mass Intentions

August 9—August 16, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Maria de Avila and Family, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Carm of St. Joseph, Shoreline WA
7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Matthew & Mark Asayama, INT

11:00 a.m.: Freddy Grimm, 18th B-Day INT

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Ramon Aquino, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Janet Maya, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Fred Bunsic, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Yosef-Mari Ibarra, INT

7:15 p.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Park Ho Soon Maria, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Mark Holman, Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: Rosita Reyes de Lacayo, RIP

Wednesday:

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

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

8:00 a.m.: Fred Bunsic, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Maria Elena Reyes, INT

7:30 a.m.: Kin Cheah & Florence Goh, INT

8:00 a.m.: Charlie Tittmann, 18th B-day INT

First Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Therese Hong Nguyen, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Anthony & Alvin Cailan, INT

7:15 p.m.: Jorge & Genoveva Boro, RIP

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Anthonio Ferrer, Jr., RIP

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

**(Open to the public except
Sundays and holidays.)**

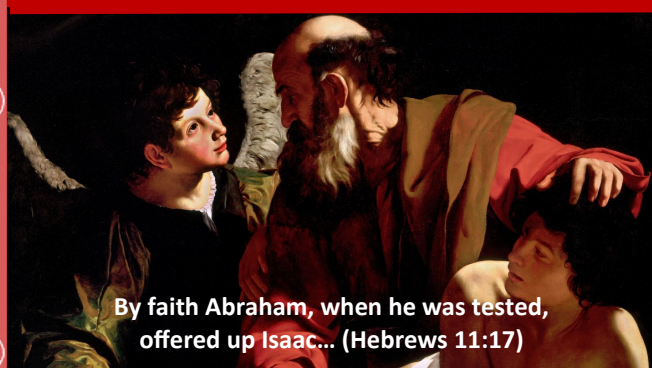
LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

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"!

Outside the Parish

Ignatians West is seeking mature adults looking for meaningful service opportunities? We will match your interests and talents with the needs of children, adults, and seniors in a variety of non-profit settings. Our **volunteers work 1-2 days/week from Sept-June** in schools, food pantries, hospitals, etc. Volunteers also meet once a month and attend two retreat days per year for group sharing and reflection in the Ignatians tradition. Check us out at www.ignatianswest.org (<http://www.ignatianswest.org/>). For further information, contact Anne Hansen at ahansen@ignatianswest.org or 805-443-0812

Blessed the people the Lord
has chosen to be his own.



By faith Abraham, when he was tested,
offered up Isaac... (Hebrews 11:17)

Blessed are those
servants whom the
master finds
vigilant on his
arrival.

Luke 12:37

