

St. Therese Catholic Church

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(Now Celebrating the Centennial of Our Founding (1924-2024))

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Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in Heaven; then come, follow me."

At that statement, his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

(Mark 10:21-22)

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

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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,

I wrote last week about the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. As we know, the whole month of October is the Month of the Rosary. So, I would like to broaden this topic as we approach the **Feast of Our Holy Mother St. Teresa this coming Tuesday, October 15**, and talk about her great devotion to Our Lady.



It began at an early age for St. Teresa. Right after losing her mother, she recalls: “I remember that when my mother died I was twelve years old or a little less. When I began to understand what I had lost, I went afflicted before an image of Our Lady and besought her with many tears to be my mother. For I have found favor with this sovereign Virgin in everything I have asked of her, and in the end she has drawn me to herself.” From then on, she knew what an important role Our Lady would play in her life and vocation. As she states: “I understood that I had a great obligation to serve Our Lady and St. Joseph; for often when I went off the path completely, God gave me salvation again through their prayers.”

And this devotion clearly played an essential role in entering Carmel and later reforming it. Once she began her reform of Carmel, she stated: “I saw Our Lady in the greatest glory clothed in a white mantle; it seemed she was sheltering us [Carmelites] all under it. I understood how high a degree of glory the Lord would give to those living in this House.” As leader of this reform, she would remind her sisters: “You have such a good Mother. Imitate her and reflect that the grandeur of Our Lady and the good of having her for your patroness must be indeed great.” So, she looked to Our Blessed Mother as the ultimate role model for all Carmelites to imitate.

Like St. Teresa, we too must look to Our Blessed Lady as our role model in virtue and the spiritual life. She will never let us down and will always be at our side. Within reach of all of us are her virtues: humility, purity, silence, and prayerfulness. Our Blessed Mother will always lead us closer to Jesus and to God’s will for our lives. Let us especially focus on becoming good sons and daughters of Our Blessed Mother in this, her Month of the Rosary!

—Fr. Peter Mary

ONGOING MINISTRIES, MEETINGS, AND CLASSES

-AVILA YOUNG ADULT GROUP (Ages 21—39, singles/couples): For more info, go to Avila Outreach on Facebook OR contact the Coordinator, Blake Taylor, at AvilaYoungAdults@gmail.com.

-DETENTION MINISTRY: A program for those 21 and older to visit youth in the Juvenile Detention Center in L.A. To sign up or for more info, contact Tom Bleich at tombleich@mac.com

-EnCOURAGE: Standing fully by the teachings of the Church, this group of faithful Catholic parents supports one another and their loved ones with same sex attraction, through discussion, prayer, fellowship, and sacrifice. Meets monthly within the LA Archdiocese with a chaplain in a safe confidential setting. For more info, contact your local chapter (EnCourage for parents: EnCourage.LosAngeles@gmail.com; OR Courage LA for persons struggling with same sex attraction: CourageCA.LosAngeles@gmail.com.).

-FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION: This group was formed, in response to Our Lady's requests at Fatima, to honor and make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Come to the church **after the 8:00 a.m. Mass every first Saturday of each month** to pray the Rosary and meditate for 15 minutes. For any questions, please leave your contact information for Maria Alejandra at the parish offices.

-FLAME OF LOVE: Learn about the Blessed Mother's messages of grace to seer Elizabeth Kindelmann. 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 6:45 p.m.** The Flame of Love books are available for sale in the parish offices. If you have any questions, please contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.

-GPS (GPS-Guadalupe Pregnancy Services): Assists mothers from "Pregnancy to Preschool" Phone/Text: (626) 238-5476.

-HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY: Teams of trained lay people pray for your healing. Held after our Monday evening Mass. Also available: private in-person sessions, phone sessions, outside events. For more info, send an email to:

-KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: A fraternal order of Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen their faith through serving the Church and community. **Call the Alhambra Grand Knight at (888) 869-3124.**

-LAY MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY: An international association of lay people—married and single—whose members—adhering to the Charism of the Missionaries of Charity—make private vows of chastity, poverty, obedience, and wholehearted service to the poorest of the poor. Meets at STC every 3rd Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and prays the Rosary daily at 6:00 p.m. (virtually and at STC). Contact Alejandra Gomeztagle at (626) 630-8760.

-REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS: A devotion for the purpose of making reparation to the Sacred Heart. It is held every Friday from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m. in the church.

RETROUVAILLE LOS ANGELES: A Program to help couples in troubled marriages learn about the tools needed to get their marriages back on track through a combination of one weekend, follow-up sessions, and fellowship/enrichment presentations (held at St Therese). For more info, call (909) 900-5465 or go to www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

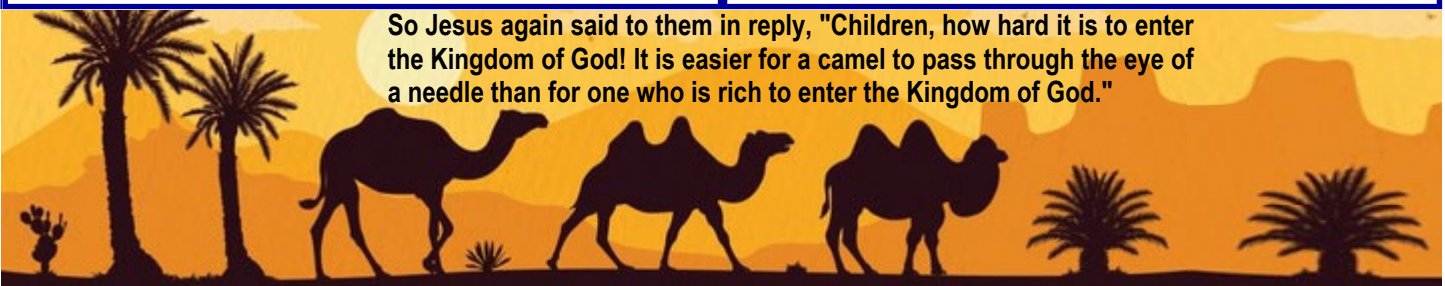
-ROSARY MAKERS: This group makes rosaries to be sent to Catholics in third-world countries. Sessions are held on **Mondays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.** in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. All are welcome to join!

-SPANISH PRAYER GROUP: A Spanish prayer group within the community of St. Therese that unites in prayer for the purpose of serving God and the priests and families of St. Therese. The group also trains intercessors committed to serving St. Therese Church. For more info, call Adriana Valle at (323) 448-5316.

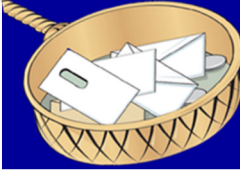
-ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP: Meets in the church every **Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.** to pray for peace and justice issues in our community and around the world. For more info, call Lucy Marikian at (626) 281-3706.

-WOMEN'S RETREAT: Annual weekend retreat for women **held during Lent** at El Carmelo Carmelite Retreat House in Redlands, California. Contact the Captain, Louisa Day, at (323) 360-5186.

So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the Kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God."



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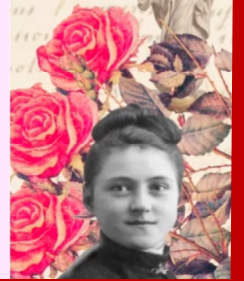
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"100 Years of Walking with St. Therese" Parish GALA

We will conclude the celebration of our centennial year with a **PARISH GALA at Brookside Country Club in Pasadena on Saturday, January 11**. More details to come but—for now—please put the date in your calendar!



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How can you be a good witness to the faith? Adults have a responsibility to live out the Christian message — to love one another and to do God's will. We also have a responsibility to help children learn how to live this way. Consider your role in protecting children by showing them how to be a witness to the Faith: following rules, modeling good behaviors like helping a neighbor, wearing your seatbelt, respecting the environment. Another way to witness is listening to the children in your life and paying attention to their interests, their needs, and their worries. For more ways to model the Faith, read the VIRTUS® article "Modeling Healthy Behaviors" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & BOUTIQUE



YOU ARE INVITED to join the Auxiliary for their annual Holiday Luncheon and Boutique. It includes a Treasure Sale! You can also purchase the Nuns' specialty breads, candy, nuts, and handmade items, as well as plants and holiday gift items. There will also be a 50/50 Raffle and a Silent Auction.

It will be held on **Friday, November 15**, at Connolly Hall at Holy Family Church (1501 Fremont Avenue) in South Pasadena. It will begin at **10:30 a.m. with the Boutique and a Social Hour, followed**

by the Luncheon at 12:00 Noon. The donation per person is \$45. Make your check payable to "Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary" and mail it to Kathy Cardoza, 710 Lindaraxa Park South, Alhambra 91801. For any questions, call her at (626) 570-9012.

Kindly RSVP by November 5! | Handicapped drop-off at the Oak Street Driveway!

DONATIONS OF ITEMS FOR THE BOUTIQUE: We are still collecting items to be sold at this boutique. We need items in good condition, such as decorative items, small appliances, figurines, photo frames, jewelry, vases, nice dishes, teapots, etc. (NO FURNITURE OR CLOTHING!!) For more info about donating and a drop-off location, please contact Rosemary Moreno at (626) 281-9211. Thank you!



THE POWER OF THE ROSARY

Praying the Rosary and meditating on its mysteries helps fo slow us down, calm our hearts, and enable us to rest in God's presence. It draws out the deepest desires in our souls—desires for God and God alone. The rhythm of the repetitious prayers can have a profound spiritual effect. This October (and beyond!), you are encouraged to spend more time praying the Rosary to realize the great spiritual power and benefits that it can have in your own life. Some of its spiritual powers include:

- **Uniting the soul to Jesus:** The rosary immerses the soul into Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, and unites the soul to Him.
- **Honoring the Blessed Mother:** The Rosary pays loving respect and veneration to our Blessed Mother. It builds a stronger relationship with her. Many times when she has appeared on earth—Lourdes and Fatima—she has asked for us to pray the Rosary daily.
- **Calming the heart:** The Rosary slows down the heart, calms it, and allows the soul to rest in God's presence. The daily Rosary brings inner peace and an increased faith, deeper understanding of Christ's life, and a stronger relationship with Mary.
 - **Drawing out desires and changing your heart:** The Rosary draws out the deepest desires in the soul, which are for God alone. It changes lukewarm hearts into hearts on fire and in love with Jesus. Prayed with devotion, we are configured to Him.
 - **Listening to the Holy Spirit:** The Rosary allows the Holy Spirit to access the inner experiences of the soul.
 - **Acting as a weapon against evil:** The Rosary is a powerful weapon against evil and can disarm the devil.
 - **Making time for God:** The Rosary is the perfect way to spend time with God.
 - **Receiving graces and indulgences:** The Blessed Mother has promised that praying the Rosary grants graces and indulgences to those who pray it.
 - **Helping to solve problems:** Sr. Lucia of Fatima said, "There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."



"LET ME INTRODUCE YOU..." By Fr. Stephen F. Watson OCD



June 16, 1984, was a joyous day for **Gilberto and Aurora Gomez**. It was the day Aurora delivered their first child, whom they named Erika. The young couple were married two years earlier (May of 1982) at St. Joseph Church in Los Angeles. (St. Joseph Church, an historical landmark founded by the Franciscan friars in 1889 for German immigrants, was destroyed by fire in 1983. A new church of St. Joseph was built on the original site at the corner of 12th Street and Los Angeles Street.) Gilberto and Aurora brought Erika home to the house they had previously purchased on North Olive Street in Alhambra. This is their story.

Gilberto Gomez and Aurora Yanez are both from San Jose de la Boca, Durango, México. Aurora's family, including her brother and sister, immigrated to the U.S. when she was still in middle school. She later graduated from Roosevelt High School. Gilberto's family, including his two sisters and five brothers, immigrated here when he was older. He attended Cal State LA.

After settling into their new home, Gilberto visited St. Therese Parish to check it out. While there, he met the pastor at that time, Fr. David Costello, OCD. Gilberto was so pleased with the church and the pastor that he decided that St. Therese would be his family's parish, even though their home was in All Souls Parish. St. Therese has now been the Gomezes' parish for the past forty years.

The year after Erika was born, the family welcomed their son and brother, Gilbert. (His birthday is next Sunday, October 20.) Erika and Gilbert were enrolled at St. Therese Parish School when each was old enough for kindergarten. They both made their First Holy Communion when each was in Second Grade and received the Sacrament of Confirmation when each was in the Eighth Grade. (I had the pleasure of teaching them once a week when each was in the Eighth Grade.) They both also served as altar servers. When Fr. Patrick Sugrue, OCD, was the Pastor, he asked Aurora if she would like to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. She, in turn, asked if her husband could be one with her. The two were trained by Mary Ann Schneider who oversaw the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at that time. The Gómezes were assigned to the 9:00 a.m. Mass, which they attended for many years. Gilberto also had a list of homebound parishioners whom he visited monthly. Aurora, who was a stay-at-home mom, got involved with our School and was always available to help her children's teachers or the principal.

After graduating from Ramona Convent Secondary High School, Erika attended UC Irvine where she got a degree in biological sciences. She then went to UCLA Dental School and is now an associate dentist at PhD Dental in East Los Angeles and Pico Rivera where she specializes in children's care. Her brother Gilbert went to California State Polytechnic University Pomona after graduation from Don Bosco Tech. He is currently managing a software team for a pharmaceutical consulting company. For his free time enjoyment, he has recently taken up bicycling.

Gilberto had a kidney transplant but, in his later years, he ended up on dialysis. Tragedy struck the family in April of 2017 when Gilberto died of a heart attack. I presided at his funeral at St. Therese Church and he was buried at Resurrection Cemetery. His death was a huge loss to the family. Aurora could not bear to attend Mass at St. Therese for a long time because it made her so sad that Gilberto couldn't be with them. However, she now attends with her two adult children and they sit in the same pew they sat in for many years as a family. Their preferred Mass is the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday. Aurora's 93-year-old mother lives nearby on Fremont, but she goes to Mass at All Souls with another daughter. Aurora, Erika, and Gilbert have supper together and they also say the Rosary together. In this beautiful Month of the Rosary, we join the Gomez family on their journey of faith.



The Gomez 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

October 12—October 19, 2024

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Ryan Anthony Siy, INT

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Paul Khoat Phan, INT

7:30 a.m.: Silverio Reyes, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Suzy Tan, Birthday INT

11:00 a.m.: Sabrina Kiowski, INT

1 p.m. (Latin): Atlas Chambliss, INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Raymond Bueno, OCD, INT

*7:30 am: Kin Cheah, INT

8:00 a.m.: Eulalia McEntire, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Modesto Bernardino, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Loy Valenzuela, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community, INT

8:00 a.m.: James Lim, INT

7:15 p.m.: Teresa Avalos, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Taylor Avalos, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Paul Tu Phan, INT

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

Thursday

6:00 a.m.: Lydia Maceda & June Chan, RIP

*7:30 am: Michael Alexander|Lauren Cheah, INT

8:00 a.m.: Robert John Hopkins, B-Day INT

Friday

6:00 a.m.: Antonio Ferrer, Jr., RIP

*7:30 am: Artemio Veronica Deresma, B-Day INT

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

Saturday (Morning):

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

8:00 a.m.: Eulalia McEntire, RIP

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

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***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

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with Fr. Peter Mary and Fr. Robert from September 21 to October 3, 2025. For more info, go to <https://prorometours.com/sainttherese/> or contact ProRome Tours at (434) 953-1112 or office@prorome.com.

I prayed, and prudence was given me;
I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom
came to me.

I preferred her to scepter and throne,
and deemed riches nothing in
comparison with her, nor did I liken
any priceless gem to her; because all
gold, in view of her, is a little sand,



For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword,

piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

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