



St. Therese Church



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*"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone."*

MATTHEW 21:42



MASSSES | CONFESSIONS | DEVOTIONS

Weekend

Saturdays: 8 am & 5 pm Vigil
Sundays: 7:30, 9, 11 am | 5 pm
Latin Rite High Mass: 1:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays: 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Saturdays: 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Sundays: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

ANNULMENTS

Dcn Gilbert Vargas
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CARMELITE VOCATIONS

DiscalcedCarmeliteFriars.com

Weekday

M-F: 6:00 and 8:00 am
M-S: 7:30 am at Nuns' Chapel
M-S: Rosary after 8:00 am Mass
Mon & Tues: 7:15 pm (Tues, Span.)
Thurs evenings: 7:00-8:00 pm:
Exposition and Adoration
First Fridays: Extra Mass: 7:15 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm and
2:00 - 5:00 pm
(Closed for lunch: 1:00-2:00 pm)

CONTACTS

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ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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advance

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LA ST THERESE CHURCH



Dear Parishioners:

October is a very busy month, with many great saints' Feast days! We had the Solemnity of our patroness, St. Therese, last Thursday. Although it will not be observed this year, this Sunday is the Feast of St. Francis--don't forget we will have the blessing of animals in front of the hall after this Sunday's 9:00 a.m. Mass. Then, October 15 is the Solemnity of St. Teresa of Avila. October is also Respect Life month AND the month of the Holy Rosary.

This being the Month of the Rosary, I'd like to share some excerpts from **St. John Paul II's** Apostolic Letter on the rosary called, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*.

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD



Many of the problems facing contemporary families, especially in economically developed societies, result from their increasing difficulty in communicating. Families seldom manage to come together, and the rare occasions when they do are often taken up with watching television. To return to the recitation of the family Rosary means filling daily life with very different images, images of the mystery of salvation: the image of the Redeemer and the image of His most Blessed Mother. The family that recites the Rosary together reproduces something of the atmosphere of the household of Nazareth: its members place Jesus at the center; they share His joys and sorrows, they place their needs and their plans in His hands, they draw from Him the hope and the strength to go on.

42. It is also beautiful and fruitful to entrust to this prayer the growth and development of children. Does the Rosary not follow the life of Christ, from His conception to His death, and then to His Resurrection and His glory? Parents are finding it ever more difficult to follow the lives of their children as they grow to maturity. In a society of advanced technology, of mass communications and globalization, everything has become hurried, and the cultural distance between generations is growing ever greater. The most diverse messages and the most unpredictable experiences rapidly make their way into the lives of children and adolescents, and parents can become quite anxious about the dangers their children face. At times, parents suffer acute disappointment at the failure of their children to resist the seductions of the drug culture, the lure of an unbridled hedonism, the temptation to violence, and the manifold expressions of meaninglessness and despair.

To pray the Rosary for children, and even more, **with** children, training them from their earliest years to experience this daily "pause for prayer" with the family, is admittedly not the solution to every problem, but it is a spiritual aid which should not be underestimated. It could be objected that the Rosary seems hardly suited to the taste of children and young people today. But perhaps the objection is directed to an impoverished method of praying it. Furthermore, without prejudice to the Rosary's basic structure, there is nothing to stop children and young people from praying it--either within the family or in groups--with appropriate symbolic and practical aids to understanding and appreciation. Why not try it? With God's help, a pastoral approach to youth which is positive, impassioned, and creative--as shown by World Youth Days!--is capable of achieving quite remarkable results. If the Rosary is well presented, I am sure that young people will once more surprise adults by the way they make this prayer their own and recite it with the enthusiasm typical of their age group.



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OCTOBER 5, 2026**



6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.



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Presented by

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“Do not worry and say, “What are we to eat?” or “What are we to drink?” or “What are we to wear?”, All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.”
- Matthew 6:31-33

Talk: Series 7

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

St. Therese Parish Hall ·
1108 East Alhambra Rd., Alhambra



Evan Strand

“Lead me not into temptation, but deliver me from evil.”
- Matthew 6:31-33

Next sessions:
November 3 • December 1

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HOLY FACE SPIRITUAL WARFARE

CONFERENCE 2026 October 30 and 31



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Friday October 30th 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Saturday October 31st 10:00 am – Midnight

Saturday, October 31, at 11:00 p.m.

Solemn Holy Mass Celebrating All Saints' Day

Celebrated by Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos OCD







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Funeral Services for our long-time Christian Services Coordinator, **Bridie McDermott**



Bridie McDermott, who served as the Christian Services Coordinator at St. Therese for nearly twenty-five years (beginning in January 1989), died on September 16, aged 92. Born in County Mayo, Ireland, Bridie immigrated to the U.S. where she met her husband John. Because our Parish was founded by the Irish Province, Bridie and John were among the many Irish-born families who joined.

Bridie was a beloved presence at St. Therese. She and John raised five children—all graduates of our School—and she led many parish groups.

Bridie was hired by Fr. David Costello to begin our Christian Services program. She did so many things to help those in need and became a trusted and compassionate resource for countless people who relied on her kindness, generosity, and steady care.

You are invited to celebrate her special life and to pray for her soul. Her Mass will be held here **THIS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7: Rosary at 10:00 am; Mass at 10:30 a.m.**

Bridie's funeral services will be held here at St. Therese on
Wednesday, October 7:

Rosary: 10:00 a.m. Mass: 10:30 a.m., Followed by Burial at San Gabriel Cemetery.

GOING DEEPER

A Reasoned Exploration of God and Truth

with **Leo Severino**
Author, movie producer, and longtime St. Therese parishioner

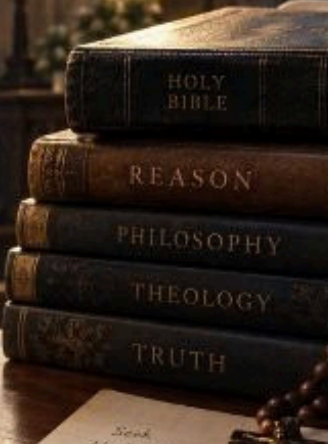
Author, movie producer, and longtime St. Therese parishioner Leo Severino returns to share his acclaimed course *Going Deeper* — a thoughtful, engaging exploration of God, reason, and the nature of Truth.

Many parishioners will remember when he first taught this series here in the 2000s; now he brings it back for a new generation of seekers.

Whether you're new to philosophy or simply longing to strengthen your understanding of the faith, this series offers a clear, compelling path into the heart of Christian thought.

"The truth will set you free."
— JOHN 8:32

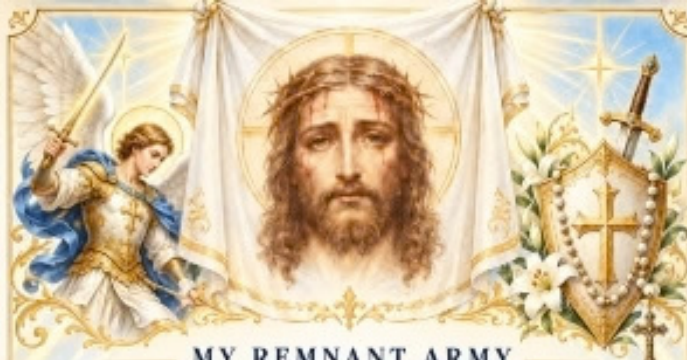
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TRUTH



SIX MONDAY EVENINGS

October 12, 19, 26
November 2, 9, 16

7:00–9:00 p.m.
Parish Meeting Room



MY REMNANT ARMY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Holy Face Spiritual Warfare Conference
Help us welcome and serve those attending this special event.

VOLUNTEER MEETING
Thursday, October 15, 2026
7:15 PM • In the Hall
Come learn how you can help!

— **CONFERENCE DATES & HOURS** —
October 30–31, 2026
Friday, October 30 • 9 AM–9 PM
Saturday, October 31 • 10 AM–12 Midnight

LECTIO DIVINA BIBLE STUDY

Read • Meditate • Pray



Prepare for Sunday's Gospel Through Meditation & Scripture Commentary

If you'd like to increase your knowledge of Scripture and deepen your spiritual life, join us at 7:00 p.m., every Friday in the Avila Room inside the Parish Office building (enter through the sacristy/choir room door--it's just before you reach the Adoration Chapel--and then cross the Guadalupe Courtyard to get to the Avila Room.

The evening includes:

- A small potluck social (NO MEAT) to start; if you'd like, bring a light dish for three or four people.
- Lectio Divina meditation and a group discussion of the upcoming Sunday's Gospel
- Magisterial and saints' commentary on the Gospel.

We hope to see YOU there!

CARMELITE AUXILIARY HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & BOUTIQUE

*Fundraiser for the
Cloistered Carmelite Nuns in Alhambra!*

October 21, 2026

TIMES:
10:30 a.m.: Boutique and Social Hour
12:00 p.m.: Luncheon

PLACE:
Cleaver Hall at Church of Our Saviour,
535 West Roses Road,
San Gabriel, CA 91775

COST:
\$45 per person

The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary invites you to their annual Fall Holiday Luncheon and Boutique! We will be at the same location as last year:

Church of Our Saviour,
535 West Roses Road, San Gabriel.

THE EVENT INCLUDES:

- 🍁 A Treasure Sale
- 🍁 50/50 raffle
- 🍁 Silent Auction

BESIDES THE TREASURE SALE, YOU WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO PURCHASE:

- 🍁 The Carmelite Nuns' Specialty Breads, Candy, and Nuts
- 🍁 Handmade items
- 🍁 A Variety of Plants
- 🍁 Holiday Gift Items

Please RSVP by October 12 by sending a check for \$45 per person (made payable to Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary) to **Kathy Cardoza, 710 Lindaraxa Park South, Alhambra 91801.** Include your name, any guests' names, and your phone number. For questions, call Kathy at (626) 570-9012.

Faith • Prayer • Service



My Father's Vineyard

When I spoke of the vineyard, I wanted them to feel the weight of the Father's longing—His patience, His generosity, His heartbreak. The chief priests and the elders stood before Me with guarded eyes, certain of their righteousness, certain of their authority. But I saw deeper: the fear beneath their certainty, the pride beneath their fear, and the blindness that pride had built around their hearts.

The vineyard was always the Father's love. His Church established through Me: carefully planted, protected, nurtured. Every hedge, every tower, every vine was a sign of His tenderness toward His people. And the tenants were those entrusted to care for the Church—the shepherds were meant to guide, the teachers meant to nourish, and hearts meant to welcome the Father's voice. But they had forgotten the One who entrusted them with everything.

As I spoke, I felt the ache of centuries—prophets rejected, messengers ignored, truth resisted. The Father had sent light again and again, and again it was pushed away. Yet, still He hoped. Still He sent. Still He reached. And now I stood before them—the Son, the Heir—knowing what they would choose, knowing what awaited Me outside the walls of the city. I did not speak to condemn them; I spoke to awaken them. To shake the stone walls around their hearts. To show them that the path they walked was leading them away from the very God they claimed to serve. The cornerstone they rejected was not a threat to their power—it was the foundation of their salvation.

I wanted them to see that the Kingdom is not inherited by position, nor preserved by control. It is received by humility, by repentance, by fruit borne from love. The Father does not seek perfect tenants; He seeks faithful ones—those who will give Him the harvest of mercy, justice, compassion, and truth.

As I looked at them, I longed for them to turn—to recognize the moment of grace standing before them. Even now, even with hardened hearts, the vineyard could still be theirs if they would only open themselves to the Father's voice.

But if they would not, the Father would give His vineyard to those who would bear its fruit—the humble, the repentant, the ones who hear My word and let it transform them. For the Kingdom is not a possession. It is a living gift. And it belongs to those who let their hearts become fertile soil for the Father's love.

Mass Intentions

October 3 – October 10, 2026

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:

5:00 p.m.: All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Joseph Danh Nguyen, INT

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: All Humanity & Th'gvg for God's Creation

11:00 a.m.: Rodney & Elsie Chan, INT

1:00 p.m.: Xavier Zino, Birthday INT

5:00 p.m.: Vera Madden, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Leung Yuet, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mrs. Terry Seidler, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Ian & Felicia Roppel, INT

7:15 p.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

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

6:00 a.m.: Dr. Patrick McAllister, RIP

*7:30 am: Joseph Cheah Kin Hun, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Gregory Goethals, SJ, RIP

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

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Isabel Sy Su, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Angela Grimm, 13th Birthday INT

Thursday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Mothers & Grandmothers, INT

8:00 a.m.: Carlos Ibarra & Family, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Roy Mate, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Hattie Shower, RIP

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Juan Diego Miranda, 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 from the Sunday 11:00 a.m. and the Monday 7:15 p.m. Masses. Be sure to "tune in."

Outside the Parish

Right to Life League's Annual Gala, "Bountiful Life: Unite!," on October 10, at Luminarias, Monterey Park. Tickets can be purchased here: www.RightToLifeLeague.org.

The Right to Life League has been fighting for life since 1967. We support 90+ pregnancy resource centers, pregnancy clinics, and maternity homes in California. Also... legal referrals, IT installation and security equipment, training resources, marketing, HR, staffing and insurance resources, advocacy, and pro-life and chastity education for youth. We also run two 40 Days for Life prayer campaigns annually, including the one in front of Planned Parenthood on Lake in Pasadena.

Our ticket prices are reduced this year! It will be a fun evening: delicious food, great speakers, and dancing! There are still some corporate sponsorship slots open for advertising in our gala program--targeted to around 300 pro-life attendees. Contact media@righttolifeleague.org for more information.

The Vineyard of the Lord is The House of Israel

Psalm 99

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