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St. Therese Catholic Church



October 12, 2025 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

Ten lepers met Jesus, crying out, "Master, have pity on us!" He said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going, they were cleansed. One, a Samaritan, realizing he'd been healed, returned. He fell at Jesus' feet and thanked him. Jesus said, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Then he said, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you" (Luke 17:12-19).



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

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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

PASTOR'S COLUMN



Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

What an honor, privilege and blessing to have St. Therese's relics with us this weekend! Forty-five of us just returned from our pilgrimage to France, where we were able to venerate her relics in her basilica in Lisieux. To the left you can see a picture from that day!

Thus far, the numbers are big for her relics tour in the U.S. Since October 1st, her shrine in Royal Oak, Michigan, has received some 30,000 visitors (I'm reporting this on Monday, Oct. 6)!

As it was reported in one of the local papers:



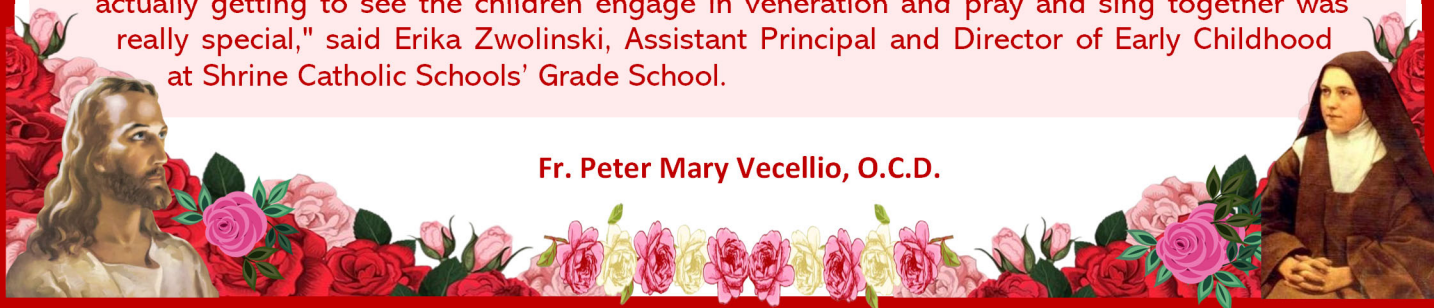
For many visitors, the return of these sacred relics represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to connect with the Carmelite nun known as the "Little Flower," who was canonized as a saint in 1925—just 28 years after her death at the age of 24. Aylin Samoray remembers the last visit in 1999 vividly:

"In 1999, my mom woke me up at 4:00 a.m., and said, 'St. Therese's relics are here! This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity; we've gotta go!' So we went to Mass, and rose petals fell from the ceiling, and it was beautiful!" Now, 26 years later, Samoray brought her 13-year-old son Gabriel to experience the same spiritual moment. The teenager was deeply moved by the experience and its connection to St. Therese's famous spiritual approach called, "The Little Way." Gabriel said, "I wanted to buy a rose to touch it to her relics to be reminded of St. Therese's act of doing little things with great love, because when you do little things with great love, they become bigger and bigger—and that's what changes the world!"

Maria Frances Ward was among the many who felt called to make the journey. She said, "I was very excited. When I heard that they were coming to our church, I just felt my heart leap, and I thought, 'this is wonderful!'"

The visit holds special significance for students at Shrine Catholic Schools, who came to the Mass and veneration as part of their faith education. "We practice our faith here every day, but actually getting to see the children engage in veneration and pray and sing together was really special," said Erika Zwolinski, Assistant Principal and Director of Early Childhood at Shrine Catholic Schools' Grade School.

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D.



St. Therese's Relics are Here!



The long-awaited visit of St. Thérèse of Lisieux's relics is finally **HERE!** Don't miss this once-in-a-generation opportunity to draw near to one of the Church's most beloved saints—**"the greatest saint of modern times,"** as Pope Pius X called her. St. Thérèse promised to "spend her Heaven doing good on earth," and millions around the world have experienced her help through conversions, healing, vocations, and deep spiritual renewal. Come and venerate her relics, experience God's mercy, and receive the

blessings of her intercession. For the full national and local schedule, visit: <https://StThereseUSA2025.com>.

"I feel that my mission is about to begin—my mission to make God loved.

I will let fall a shower of roses." —St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Schedule for the Visit of the Relics

Saturday, October 11—Three hours veneration left

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.: Venerations of the Relics of St. Thérèse

Sunday, October 12—Four and 3/4 hours veneration

7:30 a.m.: Mass; **9:00 a.m.:** Mass with full choir with Bishop Nunes

10:30 a.m.: Procession around the neighborhood

11:00 a.m.: Mass with full choir; **1:00 p.m.:** Traditional Latin Mass

2:30-4:45 p.m.: Veneration of the Relics of St. Thérèse

5:00 p.m.: Mass

6:30—9:00 p.m.: Veneration of the Relics of St. Thérèse

Monday, October 13—One and a half hours veneration

6:00 a.m.: Weekday Mass

6:50 a.m.: Morning Prayer with the Carmelite Friars

7:10-8:45 a.m.: Veneration of the Relics of St. Thérèse

9:00 a.m.: Closing Mass with full choir

10:30 a.m.: Procession of the reliquary (with St. Therese School students) to Sacred Heart Retreat House

Be sure to stop by our "St. Therese Gift Store" in the Parish Hall to purchase T-shirts, books, rosaries, roses, and more!



Financial Offerings



October 4 / 5, 2025

Unrestricted..... \$19,488.00

Restricted \$ 1,120.00

T O T A L.....\$20,608.00

September 6 / 7 \$16,853.00

September 13 / 14 \$20,925.00

September 20 / 21 .. \$24,716.00

September 27 / 28... \$15,297.00

CHECK USERS:

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



Saint Therese Carmelite School

Faith Academics Virtue

The Little Way Dinner & Benefit Auction

Honoring Miss Suzi

benefitting the
SAINT THERESE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Friday, October 17, 2025
5:30 PM

RSVP by Friday, October 3

Please visit onecau.se/stcs
or text **STCS** to **44834**
for online registration and
more information

Want to sit with your
favorite Friar?

You can purchase a table for you and
eight guests to sit with Fr. Peter
Mary, Fr. Stephen, Fr. Robert, Fr.
Raymond, or Fr. David.

Purchase now before they
sell out!

ATTENTION PILGRIMS

If you accompanied our Carmelite Friars on the pilgrimage and were not able to purchase auction tickets, you are still able to purchase tickets for \$125 until Wednesday, October 15th.

Please call the school office to make your purchase.

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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."

The Monday Fast—August 15, 1980: Both the Lord Jesus and the Blessed Virgin took turns speaking. The Blessed Virgin's words sounded in my soul with firm but loving power. She asked the clergy, the consecrated religious, and the faithful Christians of the whole world, to fast on bread and water on Mondays when they are able to do so.

Jesus: "The Church and the whole world is in grave danger. Even with your strength, you cannot change this situation. The Most Holy Trinity alone can help you, through the concerted intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin, all the angels, all the saints, and those souls whom you have freed from Purgatory."

Mary: "When priests observe the Monday fast, in all the Holy Masses that they celebrate that week, at the moment of Consecration, they will free an innumerable number of souls from Purgatory. When those persons consecrated to God and the faithful keep the Monday fast, they will free a multitude of souls from Purgatory each time they receive Communion during that week, at the very moment they receive the Holy Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ."

Reference: "Building on Solid Rock" Flame of Love Retreats, Session 4, at <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.

DEUS VOCAT DATE NIGHT



**FREE CHILDCARE
PROVIDED**

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, October 18, 2025

Time: 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Location: St. Therese Parish Hall

Donation: \$50 per couple (includes dinner)

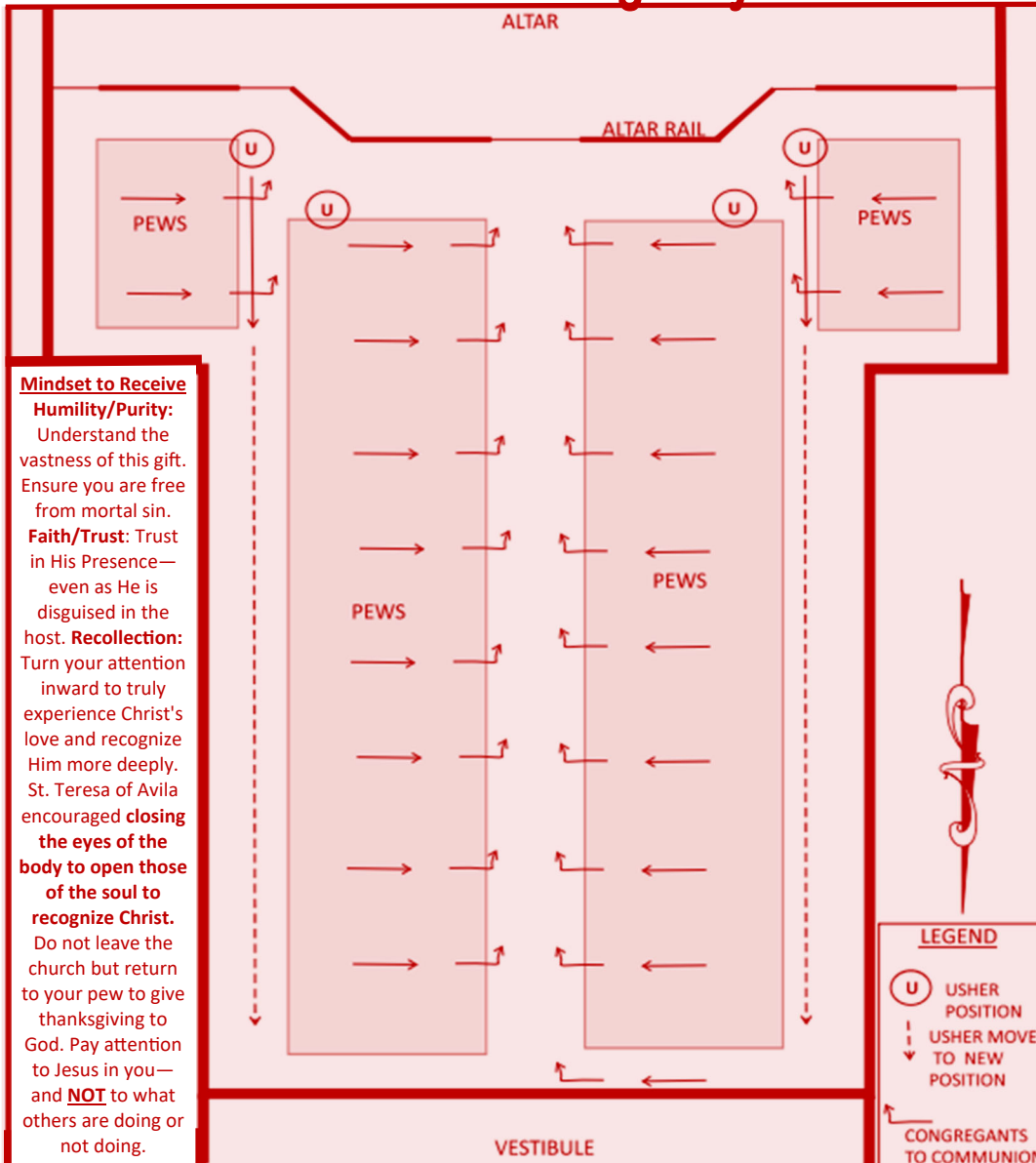
RSVP: Simply text Marcela Figueroa de Alcala at (626) 940-4899 with your name and the number of tickets you would like to purchase.



THE EVENING WILL FEATURE:

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

New Procedure for Receiving Holy Communion



Fr. Peter Mary has asked the ushers to guide parishioners to **proceed in an orderly manner with the following instructions:**

Parishioners on the side pews, i.e., in front of St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother: Proceed pew by pew down the side aisle only, and to the side communion rails. **Please do NOT cross over to the center pews.**

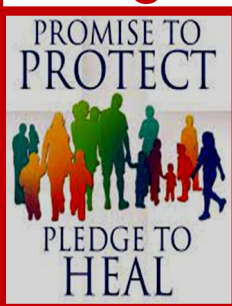
For those in the center pews: Proceed pew by pew **down the center aisle only—NOT** down the side aisles.

When parishioners on the side aisles have finished receiving Holy Communion, then those from the center pews may proceed to fill up the entire communion rails.

Again, ushers will assist with directions.

Fr. Peter Mary thanks you for your full support. God bless you!

Safeguard the Children



DID YOU KNOW? About the Take It Down Act—The federal TAKE IT DOWN Act was recently signed into law. It criminalizes the publication of nonconsensual intimate images, including AI-generated images. Anyone who publishes or threatens to publish such images online can be charged with a crime and prosecuted. Websites are also required to take down nonconsensual intimate images,

if a victim asks, within 48 hours of the request. This new law is important for protecting minors and all potential victims of sexual abuse or violence. To learn more, read the VIRTUS® article "The Take It Down Act: Combating Non-Consensual Intimate Imagery and Sexual Exploitation" at iacatholics.org/did-you-know.

Fr. Stephen's Next Class in His Series on The Catechism of the Catholic Church

CLASS THREE, OCTOBER 14, 7:30-9:00 PM, PARISH CENTER

As we continue to explore the mystery of God and His creation, we will consider God's immediate providential care over everything. By His providence, God protects and governs all He has made, "...for she [Wisdom] reacheth therefore from end to end mightily, and ordereth all things sweetly" (Wis. 8:1). The witness of Scripture is unanimous that the solicitude of Divine Providence is concrete and immediate; God cares for all, from the least things to the great events of the world and its history (CCC 303). "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And yet, not one of them shall fall on the ground without your Father's care" (Matt. 10:29). **What is meant by predestination?**

We will also consider the role of the angels in God's Divine Government. The existence of angels is consistently affirmed by Sacred Scripture and, most notably, by Jesus Himself. **Are we guarded by angels?**

CATECHISM
OF THE
CATHOLIC
CHURCH



Mass Intentions

October 11—October 18, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Anita and Erasmo Armendariz, INT

Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m.: Garcia Family, INT

9:00 a.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Jay Shower, RIP

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Parishioners

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

Monday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Mark Perez, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Merle Smith, INT

7:15 p.m.: Virginia Mañahas, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Raphael Painadath, OCD, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Kin Cheah, INT

8:00 a.m.: Stephanie Mancuso, INT

7:15 p.m.: Ron Hamrah, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Juan Uy, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Therese Marie, OCD, INT

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

Thursday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Gerardo Adan, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Jose Aclaro, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Fred Bunsic, RIP

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

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Teresa Avalos, 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

PILGRIMAGE TO GUADALUPE, MEXICO, with Carmelite friar Fr. Joseph Mary Tran, OCD, from Monday, **December 8**, through Saturday, **December 13, 2025**. Cost is \$2,250 per person, double occupancy. For more information, contact Beth Maddatu at maddatubeth2@gmail.com or 408-903-6305.

SEATS ARE FILLING FAST FOR THE PILGRIMAGE TO EASTERN EUROPE (Poland, Croatia, Medjugorje, etc.) with Carmelite friar Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD, from **September 3 to September 16, 2026**. Cost to be determined. For more information, contact Beth Maddatu at maddatubeth2@gmail.com or 408-903-6305.

Outside the Parish

FOR THOSE WHO SPEAK SPANISH: Apóstoles de la Misericordia y el Amor de Dios (Apostles of the Love and Mercy of God). Theme is Divine Mercy and cost is \$25. Held on **October 18**, from **8:15 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, at Our Lady of Lourdes, 7344 Apperson Street, Tujunga, CA. For more info, call 310-902-4841.

Personal Ads



SEEKING A MATURE WOMAN to provide companionship and assistance for an elderly female parishioner (one to two days per week, up to four hours per day). Please call Frank at (626) 781-1092 to schedule an interview.

FOR SALE: Burial Plot (for two) at Live Oak Cemetery in Monrovia (husband decided to buy a plot in Los Angeles instead). \$12,000 obo. Call Maria Barraza at (323) 712-5912.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the soul of:

BENJAMIN WOO

(His funeral Mass will be here
on Sat., Oct. 18, at 11:30 a.m.)

