# St. Therese Church

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November 22, 2026




## MASSES | CONFESSIONS | DEVOTIONS

### Weekend

Saturdays: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm Vigil
Sundays: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am & 5:00 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**
Deacon Gilbert Vargas
deacongilv@gmail.com

**CARMELITE VOCATIONS**
www.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, Spanish)

Thursday 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

PASTOR: Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD 1+224

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- Deacon Gilbert Vargas
- Deacon Otto Lacayo +
- Deacon Rex Owens +

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Music Director: Charlotte Lansberg

## 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

## ONLINE GIVING

Please consider a gift to Saint Therese Church. Open your banking app; scan this Zelle QR code.

DonateSTC@gmail.com for ID. Recipient is THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF LA, ST THERESE CHURCH

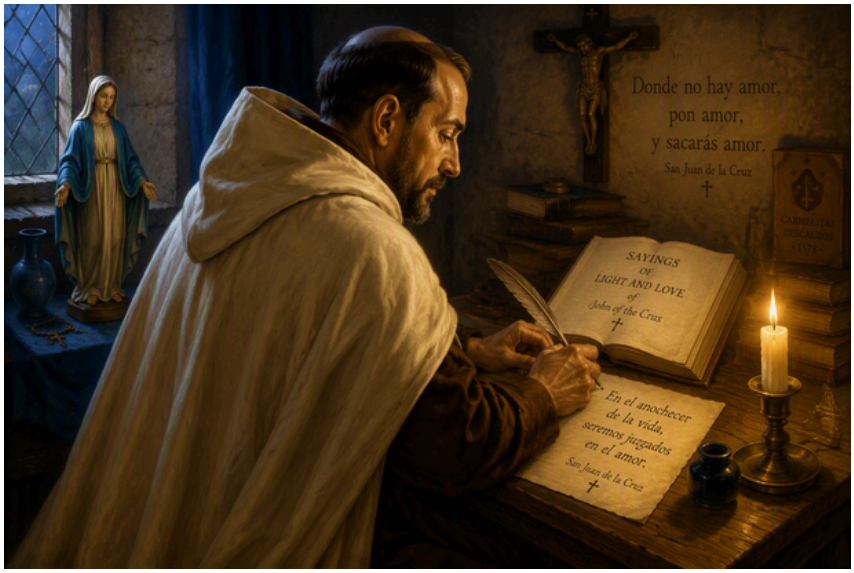
# Pastor's Letter

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is almost upon us! We have *so much* to give thanks for--as individuals and as a Parish Family! I encourage each of you to call to mind, in your nightly examen, three ways that God has provided for you or blessed you in some way that day. If you look, you will start to see these blessings more and more because God is Goodness itself and loves you deeply! ***I wish you and your families all a very Happy Thanksgiving!***

We will now continue reading from **St. John of the Cross' *Sayings of Light and Love*,** 86-100.

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




**86. Have an intimate desire** that His Majesty grant you what He knows you lack for His honor.

**87. Crucified inwardly and outwardly with Christ**, you will live in this life with fullness and satisfaction of soul, and possess your soul in patience (Luke 21:19].

**88. Preserve a living attentiveness to God** with no desire to feel or understand any particular thing concerning Him.

**89. Keep habitual confidence in God**, esteeming in yourself and in your sisters and brothers those things that God most values, which are spiritual goods.

**90. Enter within yourself** and work in the presence of your Bridegroom, Who is ever present loving you.

**91. Be hostile to admitting into your soul** things that of themselves have no spiritual substance, lest they make you lose your liking for devotion and recollection.

**92. Let Christ crucified be enough for you**, and with Him suffer and take your rest, and hence annihilate yourself in all inward and outward things.

**93. Endeavor always that things be not for you**, nor you for them, but forgetful of all, abide in recollection with your Bridegroom.

**94. Have great love for trials** and think of them as but a small way of pleasing your Bridegroom, who did not hesitate to die for you.

**95. Bear fortitude in your heart** against all things that move you to that which is not God, and be a friend of the Passion of Christ.

**96. Be interiorly detached from all things** and do not seek pleasure in any temporal thing, and your soul will concentrate on goods you do not know.

**97. The soul that walks in love** neither tires others nor grows tired.

**98. The poor one who is naked will be clothed**; and the soul that is naked of desires and whims, God will clothe with His purity, pleasure, and will.

**99. There are souls who wallow in the mire** like animals, and there are others who soar like birds, which purify and cleanse themselves in the air.

**100. The Father spoke one Word,** which was His Son, and this Word He speaks always in eternal silence, and in silence must it be heard by the soul.

*Fr. Stephen Watson's*

SIX-CLASS SERIES ON

# St. John of the Cross

*In the Darkness God Leads to a Greater Light.*






**THE NEXT and FINAL CLASS WILL BE**
**TUES., NOVEMBER 24,**
**FROM 7:30 TO 9:00 P.M.,**
**IN THE PARISH MEETING ROOM**
**(IN THE PARISH CENTER--JUST EAST OF THE CHURCH)**

The subject will be "ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS: DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH." We will examine the influence of the teaching of St. John of the Cross in the lives of Christians from his time until now. Pope St. John Paul II called St. John a "Master in the Faith" and a "Witness to the Living God," emphasizing his enduring presence in the Church's memory. Why is St. John of the Cross important today?

# GOING DEEPER

*A Reasoned Exploration of God and Truth*



with Leo Severino

SIX MONDAY EVENINGS
October 12, ~~19~~ 26
November 2, 9, 16, 23
7:00–9:00 p.m.
Parish Meeting Room

**For questions, call Catherine Contreras at (213) 435-3942**

THIS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, is the **FINAL NIGHT!** So, join Leo Severino (author, movie producer, and longtime St. Therese parishioner) for his thoughtful, engaging exploration of God, reason, and the nature of Truth.

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 Catholic thought. Even Fr. Robert is attending. Only two classes left!

# Financial Offerings

**Because of the bulletin editor's vacation, the bulletins for November 8, 15, and 22 had to be submitted BEFORE the weekend of November 7/8. Therefore, the totals for those three weekends will be in the November 29 issue.**

October 10 / 11.....$16,881.00
October 17 / 18 .....$17,518.00
October 24 / 25 .....$27,466.00
Oct. 31 / Nov. 1.....$26,960.00

**CHECK USERS: Please use a donation envelope in order to accurately credit your account.**

# Novena of Masses

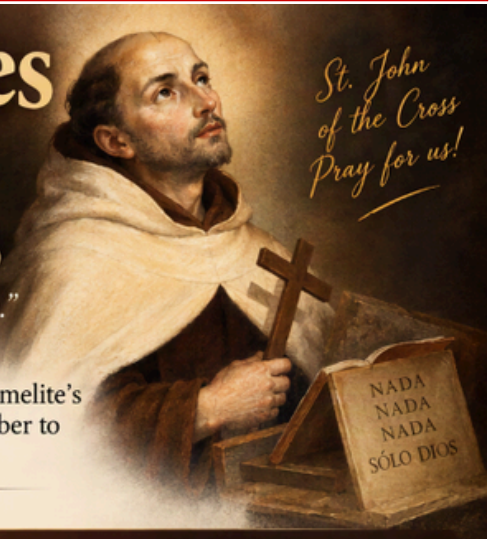
TO PREPARE FOR THE

# FEAST OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

*"In the evening of life, we will be judged on love."*
— ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS



Fr. Daniel Chowning, OCD
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CARMELITES' EASTERN PROVINCE



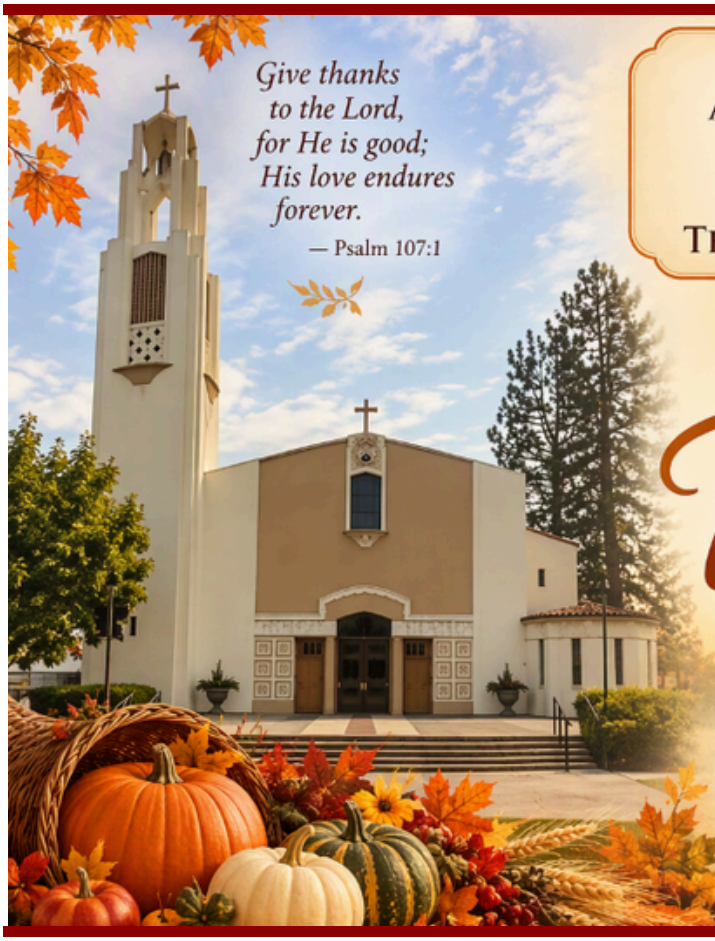

**Fr. Daniel Chowning, OCD**, the Provincial from the Carmelite's Eastern Province, will be here at St. Therese in December to celebrate a priestly Novena of Masses.

## DATES & TIMES

| SATURDAY AND SUNDAY NOVENA MASSES (December 5 & 6 and December 12 & 13) | MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY NOVENA MASSES (December 7 through 11) | FEAST DAY OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS Monday, December 14 |
|---|---|---|
| 5:00 p.m.: Mass | 6:30 p.m.: Mass | 6:30 p.m.: Mass |
| 6:15 p.m.: Conference | 7:15 p.m.: Conference | 7:15 p.m.: Conference |
| 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.: Holy Hour | 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.: Holy Hour | 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.: Holy Hour |

ST. THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH
*Carmelite Spirituality for a Brighter World*

*The year-long Jubilee celebration of St. John will end on December 26, 2026.*




THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MASS
AT ST. THERESE ON THANKSGIVING DAY.
**10:00 A.M.**
THERE WILL BE NO HOLY HOUR THAT NIGHT.

# Happy Thanksgiving

TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS
*from the Carmelite Friars and the Parish Staff*

*Lord, we thank You for the many blessings in our lives—for our faith, our parish family, and the gift of one another. Help us to be always grateful and to share Your love with those in need. Amen.*



ST. THERESE PARISH

# CAN YOU HELP RAISE THE ROOF?

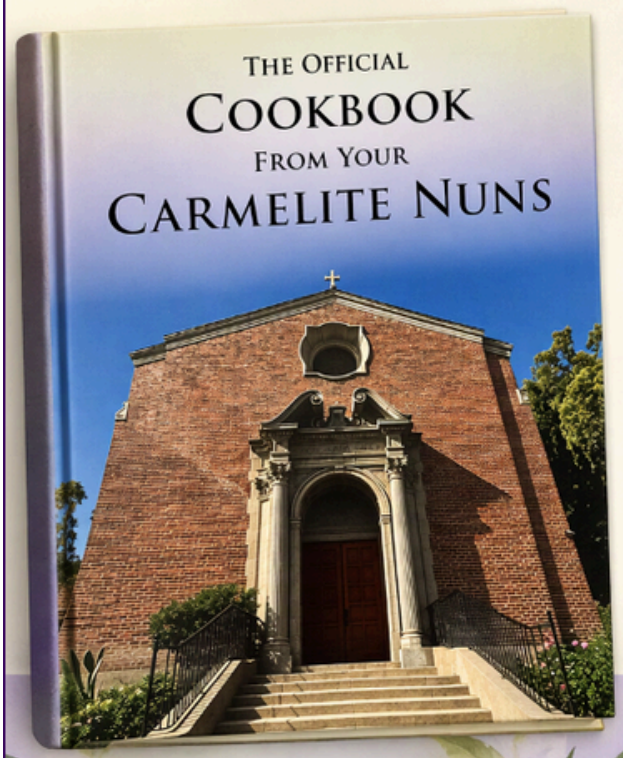
*Our church needs a new roof, and we are looking for someone who can help us make it happen!*

If you have experience in fundraising or development, St. Therese Parish would welcome your help in planning and coordinating our upcoming capital campaign. Working with Fr. Peter Mary and the Finance Council, you would help organize the campaign and guide our Parish's fundraising efforts. **A stipend is available.**

If you have relevant experience and would welcome an opportunity to serve our Parish in this important undertaking, please send a resume and/or letter outlining your experience and interest to Fr. Peter Mary at **pvecellio@gmail.com**

Or call him at the office, **ext. 1+224.**

*Many hands build a stronger tomorrow.*




*Faith Family Good Food*



Discover a special collection of recipes contributed by our Carmelite nuns and members of the Cloistered Carmelite Auxiliary. Beautiful enough to display as a coffee-table book, this unique cookbook is available for **$120**, the proceeds of which will go to the nuns.

For more information, contact Susana Martinez at **(626) 827-5157.**

To reserve your copy, mail a check to Susana at **632 Magnolia Drive, San Gabriel, CA 91775.**

# The "CALL OF GOD" Series

## *"Is God Calling You?"*

*Come hear how God is working in these people's lives.*



**Scott Phillips**

*"Through Scripture, the early Church Fathers, and the light of typology, I was led from a casual faith into the fullness of truth, where I found my home in the Catholic Church."*





**Lancie Phillips**

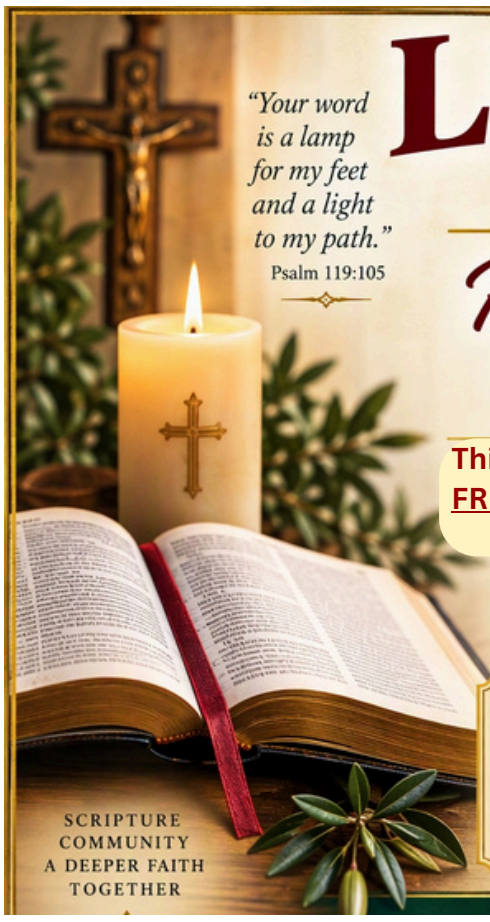
*"Returning to the Catholic Church transformed my understanding of faith and surrender."*

## TALK: Series 9

**Tuesday, December 1, 2026 • 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

St. Therese Parish Hall 1108 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra

+ Testimonies + Fellowship + Light Snacks



*"Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light to my path."*
Psalm 119:105

SCRIPTURE
COMMUNITY
A DEEPER FAITH
TOGETHER

# LECTIO DIVINA BIBLE STUDY

## *Read * Meditate * Pray*

**PREPARE FOR THE SUNDAY GOSPELS THROUGH MEDITATION AND SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY.**

**This group meets on FRIDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.—except on FIRST FRIDAYS and Fridays with special events in the church.**

**The next session will be THIS COMING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

It is held in the **Avila Room** inside the **Parish Office** building
*(enter through the sacristy/choir room door—just before you reach the Adoration Chapel—and then cross the Courtyard to the double glass doors).*

### EACH SESSION INCLUDES:

- **A themed social** to begin (if you'd like, you can bring a light, MEATLESS snack for three to four people).
- Meditation and discussion of the upcoming Sunday Gospel.
- Magisterial and saints' commentary on the Gospel.

# Mass Intentions

**November 21 – November 28, 2026**

**Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:**
**5:00 p.m.: The Chambliss Family, INT**

**Sunday:**
***7:30 a.m.: All Humanity and Thanksgiving for God's Creation**
**7:30 a.m.: Joann and Frank Brodzik, RIP**
**9:00 a.m.: Mike Marikian, RIP**
**11:00 a.m.: José Aclaro, RIP**
**1:00 p.m.: Parishioners**
**5:00 p.m.: In Honor of the Holy Family**

**Monday:**
**6:00 a.m.: Samuel Sandoval, RIP**
***7:30 a.m.: Khang Nguyen & Family, INT**
**8:00 a.m.: All Humanity and Thanksgiving for God's Creation**
**7:15 p.m.: Virgilio & Edgar Lopez, RIP**

**Tuesday (+7:15 p.m. in Spanish):**
**6:00 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory**
***7:30 am: The Church in Vietnam, INT**
**8:00 a.m.: Gustavo Gutierrez, RIP**
**7:15 p.m.: In Honor of the Holy Family**

**Wednesday:**
**6:00 a.m.: Yosef-Mari Ibarra, INT**
***7:30 a.m.: Families of Dr's & Caregivers, INT**
**8:00 a.m.: Victoria Sandoval, RIP**

**Thursday - THANKSGIVING:**
***7:30 a.m.: All Families, INT**
**10:00 a.m.: Dcn Otto Lacayo & Family, INT**

**Friday:**
**6:00 a.m.: Ms. Jessie Martinez, RIP**
***7:30 a.m.: All Humanity and Thanksgiving for God's Creation**
**8:00 a.m.: Julian Ruelas, INT**

**Saturday Morning**
***7:30 a.m.: Alhambra Cloistered Carm Nuns**
**8:00 a.m.: Danny Gonzalez, 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 from the Sunday 11:00 a.m. and the Monday 7:15 p.m. Masses. Be sure to "tune in."

# Today's Scriptures

