



St. Therese Church



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MASSES | CONFESSIONS | DEVOTIONS

Weekend

Saturdays: 8 am & 5 pm Vigil
Sundays: 7:30, 9, 11 am | 5 pm
Latin Rite 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
deacongilv@gmail.com

CARMELITE VOCATIONS

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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

PASTOR: Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio
ASSOCIATES: Fr. Rob't Barcelos
Fr. David Guzman

IN RESIDENCE Fr. Albert Bunsic
Fr. Stephen Watson
Bro. Jason Parrott

DEACONS: Extension 1 + 335
• Dcn Gilbert Vargas
• Dcn Otto Lacayo +
• Dcn Rex Owens +
+ Cell numbers on website

OFFICE | MINISTRY STAFF

Sec'y: Denise McMaster-Holguin
Finance: Noralyn Cailan
Religious Ed: Florence Goh
Music Director: Charlotte Lansberg

Dear Parishioners:

We continue to give thanks to God for 100 years of providing Catholic education in our School! We can show our gratitude by sponsoring a student in need. Now that we are in the middle of our novena to St. Therese, our patroness, please consider a one-time or ongoing donation to our Saint Therese Carmelite School. The blue envelopes are still in the pews for your convenience!

Let us now continue reading from **St. John of the Cross' *Sayings of Light and Love***, Numbers 41-55.

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD

- **41. Do not tire yourself**, for you will not enter into the savor and sweetness of spirit if you do not apply yourself to the mortification of all this that you desire.
- **42. Reflect that the most delicate flower** loses its fragrance and withers fastest; therefore guard yourself against seeking to walk in a spirit of delight, for you will not be constant. Choose rather for yourself a robust spirit, detached from everything, and you will discover abundant peace and sweetness, for delicious and durable fruit is gathered in a cold and dry climate.
- **43. Bear in mind** that your flesh is weak that that no worldly thing can comfort or strengthen your spirit, for what is born of the world is world and what is born of the flesh is flesh. The good spirit is born only of the Spirit of God, who communicates himself neither through the world no through the flesh.
- **44. Be attentive to your reason** in order to do what it tells you concerning the way to God. It will be more valuable before your God than all the works you perform without this attentiveness and all the spiritual delights you seek.
- **45. Blessed are they** who, setting aside their own pleasure and inclination, consider things according to reason and justice before doing them.
- **46. If you make use of your reason**, you are like one who eats substantial food; but if you are moved by the satisfaction of your will, you are like one who eats insipid fruit.
- **47. Lord, you return gladly and lovingly** to lift up the one who offends you, but I do not turn to raise and honor the one who annoys me.
- **48. O mighty Lord**, if a spark from the empire of your justice effects so much in the mortal ruler who governs the nations what will your all-powerful justice do with the righteous and the sinner?
- **49. If you purify your soul** of attachments and desires, you will understand things spiritually. If you deny your appetite for them, you will enjoy their truth, understanding what is certain in them.
- **50. O Lord, my God**, you are no stranger to those who do not estrange themselves from you. How do they say that it is you who absent yourself?
- **51. That person has truly mastered all things** who is not moved to joy by the satisfaction they afford or saddened by their insipidness.
- **52. If you wish to attain holy recollection**, you will do so not by receiving but by denying.
- **53. Going everywhere, my God**, with you, everywhere things will happen as I desire for you.
- **54. Souls will be unable to reach perfection** who do not strive to be content with having nothing, in such fashion that their natural and spiritual desire is satisfied with emptiness; for this is necessary in order to reach the highest tranquility and peace of spirit. Hence the love of God in the pure and simple soul is almost continually in act.
- **55. Since God is inaccessible**, be careful not to concern yourself with all that your faculties can comprehend and your senses feel, so that you do not become satisfied with less and lose the lightness of soul suitable for going to him.

ST. MICHAEL'S ARMY MINISTRY

Rosaries & Religious Items

*To honor the Feast of St. Michael and the Holy Archangels,
St. Michael's Army Ministry will have a table in the church
vestibule with rosaries and sacred items available for purchase.
Cash, Zelle, and Venmo are accepted!*

The dates and times of the sale are:

*Saturday, September 26th 3:00 PM-6:00 PM
Sunday, September 27th 10:00 AM-6:00 PM*

ST. THERESE CHURCH

MOVIE NIGHT

JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL EVENING

UNDER THE STARS!

OCTOBER 3

IN THE PARKING LOT
ON OUR

BIG SCREEN



COMPLIMENTARY
DINNER
STARTING AT 6:30 P.M.



FOLLOWED
BY THE MOVIE

THE CHRONICLES OF
NARNIA

THE LION, THE WITCH
— AND THE WARDROBE —
(2005)

*Bring your family, chairs, blankets and enjoy
FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & A GREAT MOVIE!*



Remember your mercies, O Lord ~ Psalm 25



FR. STEPHEN WATSON INVITES YOU to his class in his series about St. John of the Cross. It will take place **THIS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room (upstairs in the Parish Center building; there is an elevator).

In this week's class, Fr. Steve will guide the students to examine the **POETRY** of St. John as the fount

of his mystical theology and his teaching on the interior life of prayer and contemplation. He will explain what "contemplation" is.

A L L A R E I N V I T E D I

St. Therese
CATHOLIC CHURCH
1100 E. Alhambra Road, Alhambra, CA 91801

"Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace."
St. Francis of Assisi

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4, 2026
After the 9:00 AM Mass

In front of the Parish Hall

Bring your pets — large or small — for a special blessing in honor of the Jubilee Year of St. Francis.

Light refreshments and donuts will be provided, as well as a few treats for the pets!

LECTIO DIVINA BIBLE STUDY

Read • Meditate • Pray

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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!

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR BRIDIE MCDERMOTT, OUR FORMER CHRISTIAN SERVICES COORDINATOR



Bridie McDermott, who served as the Christian Services Coordinator at St. Therese for over twenty-five years (beginning in January 1989), died this past week at the age of 92. Born in County Mayo, Ireland, Bridie immigrated to the United States at age 16 and met her husband John here, eventually settling in Alhambra. Because our Parish was founded by the Irish Province, many Irish-born families settled in Alhambra and joined St. Therese. Bridie was one of the last two Irish-born parishioners in our community who had settled here years ago; with her passing, Kitty Ellis is now the last.

Long before beginning her ministry in 1989, Bridie was already a beloved and familiar presence at St. Therese. She and John raised five children—all graduates of our School—and she was active in many parish groups, often serving as a coordinator.

Bridie was hired by Fr. David Costello in order to establish our Christian Services program, which began with distributing groceries to those in need within and around our parish boundaries. She and her team also provided lunch receptions for funerals, matched caretakers and housekeepers with parishioners seeking help, and assisted individuals with rent, utilities, and other urgent needs. Over the years, she became a trusted and compassionate resource for countless people who relied on her kindness, generosity, and steady care.

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.

Please pray for the repose of her soul.



FREE MEDICARE INFORMATION MEETING

Monday, October 5, 2026 • 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

St. Therese Parish Center

Presented by **Jim Aust**
Volunteer Counselor & Parishioner



Reserve Your Place!

Register by Sunday, October 4

Scan QR Code or Email:
deaconrex@outlook.com



MEDICARE
CHOICES



SUPPLEMENTAL
PLANS



PRESCRIPTION
COVERAGE



Feast of St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Join us for a special Mass honoring our
beloved patroness, St. Thérèse of the Child
Jesus,

on **Thursday, October 1, 7:00 p.m.**
(NOT at 7:15)

Please note: because of the Mass, there will be
No Exposition or Holy Hour that evening.

Come and let St. Thérèse drop a
mystical rose into your life—
a gentle reminder of God's
love through her "Little Way."

THE "CALL OF GOD" SERIES

Is God Calling You?

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



Bianca Guzman

"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



Evan Strand

"Lead me not into
temptation, but deliver me
from evil."

- 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

Next sessions:

November 3 • December 1

+ Testimonies + Fellowship + Light Snacks +

DAUGHTERS of the MOST HIGH

10-Week Women's Book Study

Held on Fridays at 7:00 PM in the Lisieux Room in the Parish Office Building,
starting September 18th. On First Fridays, the meetings move to First
Saturdays at 11:00 AM. Please RSVP at (831) 435-6501 or ivonnerg12@yahoo.com.

What if peace were possible by learning to remain rooted in God in the midst of problems? Join the **Daughters of the Most High Women's Ministry** on Fridays through November 20—except on First Fridays, October 3 and November 7, when we will meet on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. We will use Fr. Jacques Philippe's beloved book, *Searching for and Maintaining Peace*, to explore how to guard the peace of our hearts, surrender what we can't control, trust God more deeply, and recognize the obstacles that steal our interior peace. Whether you're walking through a season of healing, uncertainty, waiting, or simply longing for a deeper relationship with the Lord, there is a place for you here! New members always welcome! See the info above for more info and RSVP soon! See the full-size flyer on the church's website.

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*

Mass Intentions

September 26—October 3, 2026

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:

5:00 p.m.: Sean Cox, Birthday INT

Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m.: All Children, INT

9:00 a.m.: Dr. Patrick McAllister, RIP

11:00 a.m.: In Honor of the Holy Family

1:00 p.m.: Sr. Faustina Mary, OCD, INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Virgilio Uy, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Romi Murphy, 4th Birthday INT

8:00 a.m.: Brigit Grimm, Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: Joe Damph, RIP

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

6:00 a.m.: Rutilo Pasok, RIP

*7:30 am: Mrs. Terry Seidler, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Jay Guangga, INT

7:15 p.m.: Mr. Joey Traini, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Deceased Religious, Relatives, & Benefactors of the Carmel of St Teresa

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

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

Thursday – Feast of St. Therese:

6:00 a.m.: Anthony Sia, INT

*7:30 a.m.: St. Therese Church & School, INT

8:00 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: St. Therese Church & School, INT

First Friday:

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

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

8:00 a.m.: St. Therese Carmelite School INT

7:00 p.m.: Deceased Religious, Relatives, & Benefactors of the Carmel of St Teresa

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Cathleen Thompson, RIP

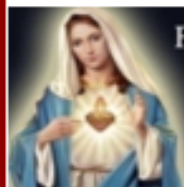
*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel
(215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra)

*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."

FIRST SATURDAY'S FATIMA DEVOTION



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Mark your calendar for our next First Saturdays' devotion on October 3rd. Join us that day after the 8:00 a.m. Mass for the Rosary and 15 minutes of meditation.

Thirteen Fatima Reminders from Sister Lucia (from an article by Joseph Pronechen)

We now continue with the April 13, 1971, letter from Servant of God Sister Lucia of Fatima to her nephew, Fr. Jose dos Santos Valinho...

Number Ten: "Since we all need to pray, God asks of us to pray—as a kind of daily installment—a prayer which is within our reach: The Rosary. It can be recited either in common or in private, either in church in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament OR at home, either when traveling or while walking quietly. A mother of a family can say the Rosary while she rocks her baby or does the housework. Our day has 24 hours in it, so it is not asking a great deal to set aside a quarter of an hour for the spiritual life, for our intimate and familiar converse with God.

"I believe that after the liturgical prayer of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the praying of the Rosary, in view of the origin and the sublime nature of the prayers used in it, and the mysteries of the Redemption which we call on when we meditate during each decade, is the most pleasing prayer we can offer to God and one which is most advantageous to our souls. If such were not the case, Our Lady would not have asked for it so insistently."

Source: <https://ewtn.co.uk/article-13-fatima-reminders-from-sister-lucia>

PERSONAL AD

Reliable and tidy working lady needs to find a QUIET ROOM TO RENT in a local home; needs access to the kitchen for meal prep. Please call Ms. A at (626) 576-8186 in Alhambra.