

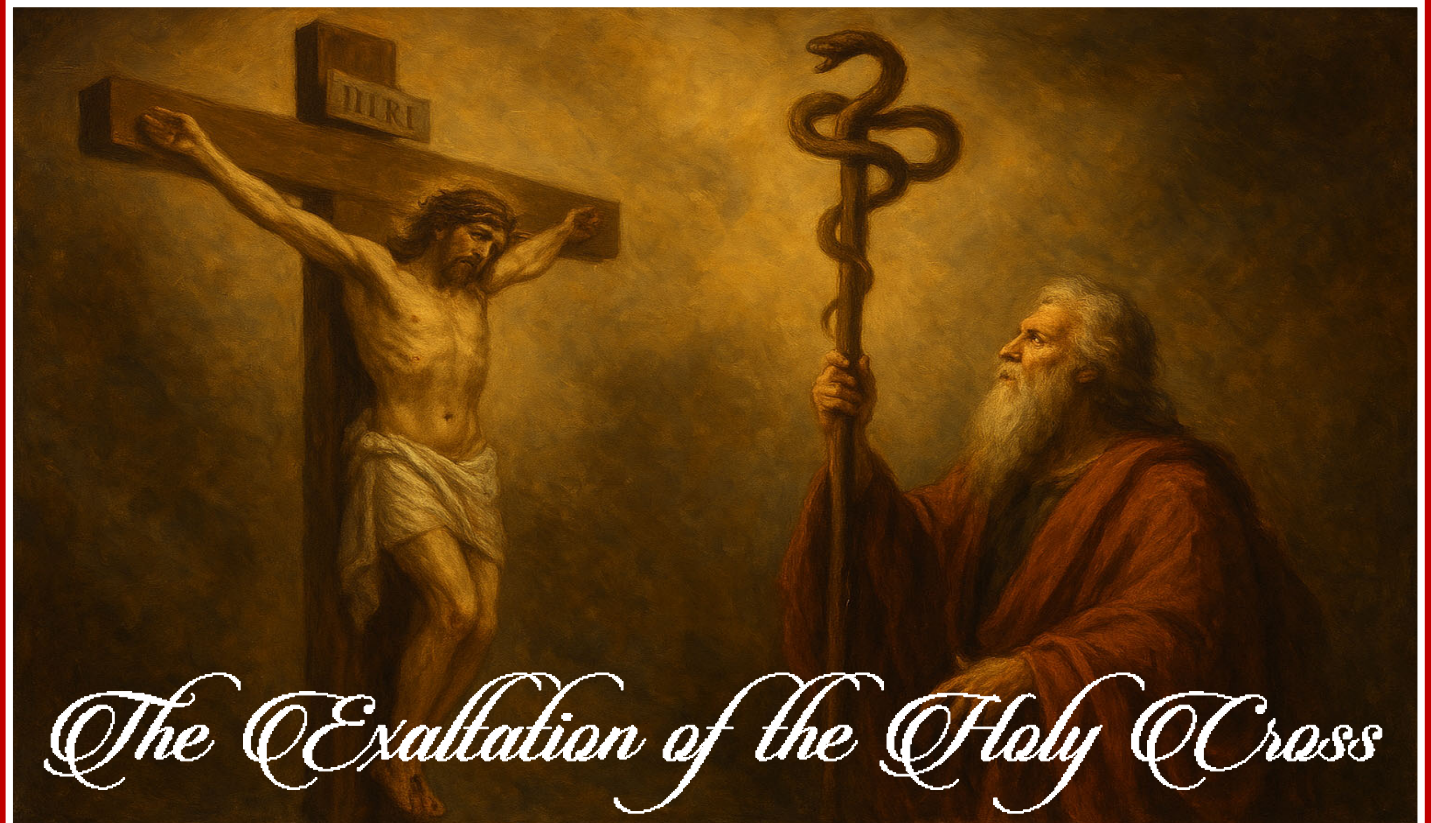
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St. Therese Catholic Church



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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

MASSSES | 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,

We will be having the annual **Pastor's Appeal for our School**, and I thank you in advance for your generosity! Our little School continues to grow in enrollment each year as we form the next generation of Catholics in an authentically Catholic, Carmelite, and classical educational environment. We thank God for the gift of St. Therese Carmelite School to our Parish and our local community!

Let us now continue with St. Therese's "Trial of Faith."

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD



THE TRIAL OF FAITH (Manuscript C [4v-7v] - Part I

"Dear Mother, you know well that God has deigned to make me pass through many types of trials. I have suffered very much since I was on earth; but if in my childhood I suffered with sadness, it is no longer in this way that I suffer. It is with joy and peace. I am truly happy to suffer, O Mother; you must know all the secrets of my soul in order not to smile when you read these lines, for is there a soul less tried than my own if one judges by appearances? Ah! If the trial I am suffering for a year now appeared to the eyes of anyone, what astonishment would be felt!

"Dear Mother, you know about this trial; I am going to speak to you about it, however, for I consider it as a great grace I received during your office as Prioress. God granted me last year the consolation of observing the fast of Lent in all its rigor. Never had I felt so strong, and this strength remained with me until Easter. On Good Friday, however, Jesus wished to give me the hope of going to see Him soon in Heaven. Oh! How sweet this memory really is!



After remaining at the Tomb until midnight, I returned to my cell, but I had scarcely laid my head upon the pillow when I felt something like a bubbling stream mounting to my lips. I didn't know what it was, but I thought that perhaps I was going to die and my soul was flooded with joy. However, as the lamp was extinguished, I told myself I would have to wait until the morning to be certain of my good fortune, for it seemed to me that it was blood I had coughed up.

"The morning was not long in coming; upon awakening, I thought immediately of the joyful thing that I had to learn, and so I went over to the window. I was able to see that I was not mistaken. Ah! My soul was filled with a great consolation; I was interiorly persuaded that Jesus, on the anniversary of His own death, wanted to have me hear His first call. It was like a sweet and distant murmur that announced the Bridegroom's arrival.

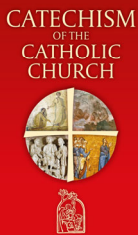
"It was with great fervor that I assisted at Prime and the Chapter of Pardons. I was in a rush to see my turn come in order to be able, when asking pardon from you, to confide my hope and my happiness to you, dear Mother; however, I added that I was not suffering in the least (which was true) and I begged you, Mother, to give me nothing special. In fact, I had the consolation of spending Good Friday just as I desired. Never did Carmel's austerities appear so delightful to me; the hope of going to Heaven soon transported me with joy. When the evening of that blessed day arrived, I had to go to my rest; but just as on the preceding night, good Jesus gave me the same sign that my entrance into eternal life was not far off."

FR. STEPHEN'S SERIES OF CLASSES: The Catechism of the Catholic Church

Fr. Stephen's next class in this series will be **THIS Tuesday, September 16, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room.** Thereafter, classes will take place twice a month on the **second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.** No need to register... just show up!

September 16

SUBJECT FOR SEPTEMBER 16: I BELIEVE IN GOD.



How do we know there is a God? Vatican I stated that God can be known with certainty by the natural light of human reason. This belief is rooted in the understanding that human reason, when properly exercised, can discern the existence of God from the created world. The Council emphasized that this knowledge is not merely a matter of faith but is a result of the natural light of human reason. It is a belief that has been affirmed by the Church and is considered a dogma of faith within the Catholic Church.

"For what can be known about God is evident to them, because God made it evident to them. Ever since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what He has made. As a result, they have no excuse; for although they knew God, they did not accord Him glory as God or give Him thanks. Instead, they became vain in their reasoning, and their senseless minds were darkened. While claiming to be wise, they became fools..." (Romans 1:19-22)

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Tara Holley from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

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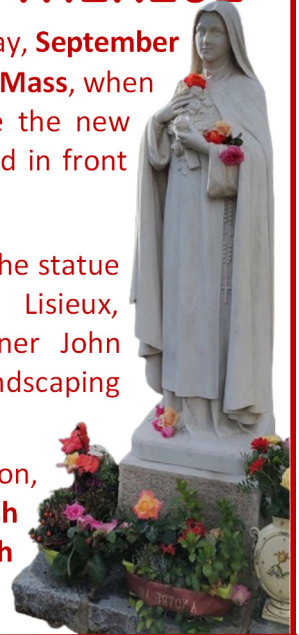
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DEDICATION OF THE NEW STATUE OF ST. THERESE

JOIN US TODAY, Sunday, September 14, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, when Fr. Peter Mary will dedicate the new statue of St. Therese installed in front of the church.

This statue is a replica of the statue of St. Therese that is in Lisieux, France. We thank Parishioner John Paul Talbot for the landscaping around the statue!

Following the dedication, you are invited to the **Parish Hall for a reception with coffee and donuts.**



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON | BOUTIQUE

The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary invites you to their annual Holiday Luncheon and Boutique on **Thursday, October 16 (10:30 am: Boutique and Social Hour | Noon: Luncheon).** This year's event will be at a new location: **Church of Our Savior, 535 W. Roses Road, San Gabriel.**

The event includes a Treasure Sale, a 50/50 raffle, and a Silent Auction! Also available for purchase will be the Nuns' specialty breads, candy, nuts, handmade items, plants, and holiday gift items.

Please **RSVP by October 6 by sending a check** (made payable to Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary) for **\$45 per person to:** Kathy Cardoza, 710 Lindaraxa Park South, Alhambra 91801. For questions, call Kathy at (626) 570-9012.

Include your name and any guests' names and your phone number.



Preached Novena of Masses to Prepare for the Feast of St. Therese



We will have a preached Novena of Masses to prepare for the Feast of St. Therese on October 1. The Novena will be held in the evenings from **September 22 through September 30**, followed by the **Feast Day Mass on October 1**.

Fr. Pier Giorgio Pacelli, OCD, a friar from the Discalced Carmelite Friars of the Eastern Province, will be the celebrant/preacher for the Novena Masses and for the Feast Day Mass. His conference talks will be about our patroness, St. Therese. Here is the **SCHEDULE**:

WEEKDAYS (Monday—Friday)

Holy Mass: 6:15 p.m.
Conference: 7:00 p.m.
Holy Hour: 8:00 p.m.



WEEKENDS (Saturday and Sunday)

Holy Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Conference: 6:15 p.m.
Holy Hour: 7:15 p.m.

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Each year on September 14, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, a day that honors both the discovery of the True Cross by St. Helena in the 4th century and the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. This feast reminds us not only of the historical finding of the Cross on which Christ died, but also of its enduring meaning: a symbol of Christ's triumph over sin and death. What once was an instrument of suffering has become the sign of salvation, calling us to embrace the Mystery of the Cross in our own lives as the pathway to eternal life.



Prayer: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You, because by Your Cross You have redeemed the world. Grant that we may carry our own crosses with love, uniting our sufferings to Yours, and one day share in the glory of Your Resurrection. Amen.



REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 14 FOR RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES

The deadline for registration for all programs (children and adults) is today, September 14. No applications will be accepted after today.

You may register online on our website (go to Religious Education > Religious Education Info); scroll down until you find the program for which you wish to register.



Financial Offerings



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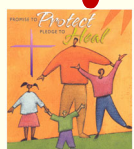
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Safeguard the Children



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Back-to-school season is an ideal time to refresh internet safety rules with the children in your care. For example, it is helpful to establish clear guidelines like what types of sites children can visit, apps they can download, and when they can have access to electronics. Families can also consider “blackout” periods that require disconnection—possibly during dinner and leading up to bedtime. Netsmartz (<https://www.missingkids.org/netsmartz>) offers resources for keeping children and teens safe online, please visit https://www.missingkids.org/content/dam/netsmartz/downloadable/tipsheets/Protecting%20Your%20Kids%20Online%20_0.pdf for more internet safety tips.

COME AND SEE!

St. Therese Parish Choir resumes rehearsals for the 2025-2026 liturgical year on **Wednesdays, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Choir Room** (in the church basement). Our first 11:00 a.m. Mass will be September 14, celebrating the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. On October 11 and 12, the Choir will sing for two of the Masses offered during the visitation of the relics of St. Therese.

On November 2, All Souls' Day, the Choir sings the Fauré Requiem at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. For the Midnight and 11:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day, the Choir performs a special program before Mass begins.

If you have sung in a high school, college, community, or parish choir before, consider offering your time and talent to this beautiful parish of St. Therese.

Contact Charlotte Lansberg
credochoir1@gmail.com
626-282-2744 ex 112



Showers (of Roses) Expected in Four Weeks!



The Relics of St. Thérèse Are Coming!

In just under four weeks, the relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux will arrive to St. Therese Church—and she's ready to let rain down upon us a new "shower of roses" full of heavenly graces!

St. Thérèse is known for her powerful intercession, especially in bringing souls back to the Church, inspiring conversions, healing, vocations, and countless quiet miracles. Our world is in need of her "Little Way" now more than ever. Donations of any size are gratefully welcomed to help support this beautiful event. For the full national and local schedule, visit: <https://StThereseUSA2025.com>.

Large crowds are expected, and volunteers are needed, especially for hospitality and welcoming. **To sign up, please scan the QR code in the bottom right corner of this notice for the sign up form.** IF for some reason you cannot access it, then SEND A TEXT TO Amber at (626) 840-7250 (no calls please).



"God is all mercy and love."

"I will come down... I will let fall a shower of roses."



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."

—Jesus to Elizabeth Kindelmann,
Third Order Carmelite

The Flame of Love: The Greatest Gift of Grace for Our Time

Unceasing Labor Against Spiritual Sloth

May 1962 – Interpretation of Elizabeth's dream about the covering on the disk:

Jesus: "Do you know the meaning of the disk's dense blackness? It represents the seven capital sins. This iron is composed of seven sheets which seem to be of one piece but are really separate. The top sheet is lust. It is a very thin and resistant layer. To remove it, it must be bent by much prayer and sacrifices. The second is negligence in doing good. This one cannot be bent. It is made of an unbreakable black color. Only with great effort can small particles, like little grains of dust, be taken out. Do not fear. I will be with you in this great work. But, be careful, because the Evil One is active. Only unceasing labor can remove this negligence in doing good, this hard disk."

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.

Mass Intentions

September 13—September 20, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Silverio Reyes, RIIP

Sunday:

*7:30 am: Carm. Friars of St. Joseph Prov INT

7:30 a.m.: Zelig Therese de Jesus Doria INT

9:00 a.m.: George Abuede, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Rachele Castillo, RIP

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

5:00 p.m.: Francisco Ike Rongavilla, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Robert Hopkins, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Michael Kenneth Cheah, INT

8:00 a.m.: Bernie Tittmann, B-Day INT

7:15 p.m.: Francisco P. Rongavilla, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Yelba Rodriguez, INT

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

8am Rosemarie, Donna, Diane, Jennie & Lauryl, INT

7:15 p.m.: Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Peter Chiu, INT

7:30 a.m.: Jose N. Vales, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Brandon Flowers, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: David Lin & Family, INT

7:30 am Mr. & Mrs. Peter Halpin & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Lilian Arevalo, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Reyes & Vizcarr Families, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Matthew & Vikki Ng, INT

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: All Souls in Purgatory

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel
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**(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"!

Outside the Parish

SAN GABRIEL MISSION CEMETERY: SALES OF NEW COLUMBARIUM NICHES! The sale of niches for the next phase of San Gabriel Mission Cemetery Columbarium continues to take place. If you would like to obtain detailed information or set up an appointment, please contact Gloria Reynoso at (626) 457-3035. The office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. (closed between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m.).

MARYKNOLL GUILD FAMILY FUN DAY (300 Norumbega Drive, Monrovia) on Sunday, September 21, from Noon to 4:00 p.m., with bingo and burgers. Includes a Boutique, Children's Fun Zone, Raffle, and more. For more info, call Patti Tellez at (626) 622-9586.

SACRED HEART RETREAT HOUSE—just down the street from St. Therese—invites women, men, married couples, and young adults to join one of the many retreats offered there in order to draw closer to the Heart of Jesus. They also have family-friendly events. Check them out at www.sacredheartretreathouse.com | (626) 289-1353 | facebook@sacredheartretreathouse.com.

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.

Rest in Peace

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