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St. Therese Catholic Church



October 5, 2025 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

From the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy (1:6-8, 13-14)

Beloved, I remind you, to
stir into flame **the gift of
God that you have through
the imposition of my hands.**
For God did not give us a
spirit of cowardice but
rather of power and love
and self-control.

So do not be ashamed of
your testimony to our Lord,
nor of me, a prisoner for His
sake; but bear your share of
hardship for the Gospel
with the strength that
comes from God.

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

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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,

Next weekend will most surely be a defining and historic moment for our Parish with the arrival of the relics of St. Therese. I hope all of you can be a part of it! Please bring family members who may be away from the Church or in need of healing or even a miracle! Many miracles and conversions *have happened* when her relics are present. And she will favor us and our loved ones all the more as our beloved Patroness!

Check our website or the posters around the church for the schedule of events. And please remember to **pick up your parking pass from one of the volunteers handing them out after all the Masses this weekend** so that you will have preference in our lot during the Sunday Masses next weekend.

Let us now finish St. Therese's "*Trial of Faith*." —Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D., Pastor

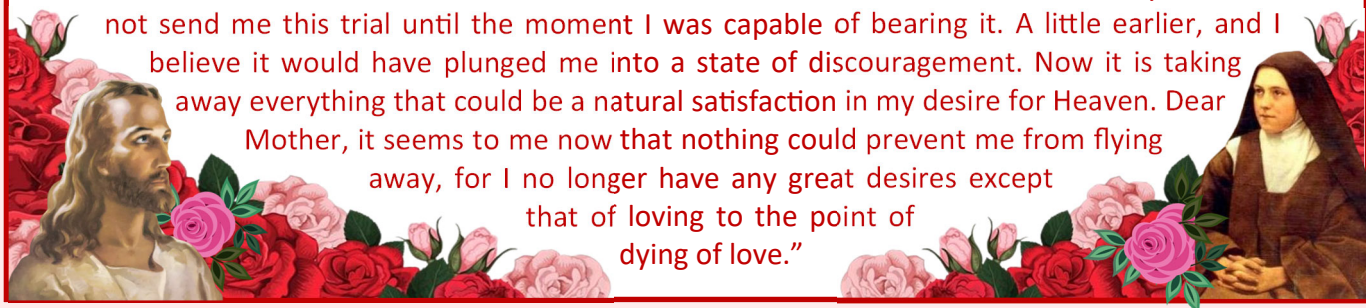
"THE TRIAL OF FAITH" (Manuscript C [4v-7v] - Part IV)

"Ah! May Jesus pardon me if I have caused Him any pain, but He knows very well that while I do not have the joy of faith, I am trying to carry out its works at least. I believe I have made more acts of faith in this past year than throughout my whole life. At each new occasion of combat, when my enemies provoke me, I conduct myself bravely. Knowing it is cowardly to enter into a duel, I turn my back on my adversaries without deigning to look them in the face; but I run toward my Jesus. I tell Him I am ready to shed my blood to the last drop to profess my faith in the existence of Heaven. I tell Him, too, I am happy not to enjoy this beautiful heaven on this earth so that He will open it for all eternity to poor unbelievers.

"Also, in spite of this trial which has taken away all my joy, I can nevertheless cry out: 'You have given me DELIGHT, O Lord, in ALL your doings' (Psalm 91). For is there a joy greater than that of suffering out of love for You? The more interior the suffering is and the less apparent to the eyes of creatures, the more it rejoices You, O my God! But if my suffering was really unknown to You, which is impossible, I would still be happy to have it, if through it I could prevent or make reparation for one single sin against faith.

"My dear Mother, I may perhaps appear to you to be exaggerating my trial. In fact, if you are judging according to the sentiments I express in my little poems composed this year, I must appear to you as a soul filled with consolations and one for whom the veil of faith is almost torn aside; and yet it is no longer a veil for me, it is a wall which reaches right up to the heavens and covers the starry firmament. When I sing of the happiness of Heaven and of the eternal possession of God, I feel no joy in this, for I sing simply what I WANT TO BELIEVE. It is true that at times a very small ray of the sun comes to illumine my darkness, and then the trial ceases for an instant, but afterward the memory of this ray, instead of causing me joy, makes my darkness even more dense.

"Never have I felt before this, dear Mother, how sweet and merciful the Lord really is, for He did not send me this trial until the moment I was capable of bearing it. A little earlier, and I believe it would have plunged me into a state of discouragement. Now it is taking away everything that could be a natural satisfaction in my desire for Heaven. Dear Mother, it seems to me now that nothing could prevent me from flying away, for I no longer have any great desires except that of loving to the point of dying of love."



St. Therese's Relics are Almost Here!



The long-awaited visit of St. Thérèse of Lisieux's relics is only **one week away!** 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>.

We still need volunteers for hospitality—please stop by or call the Parish Office to sign up to lend a hand! Donations, no matter how small, are deeply appreciated to help support this event.

*"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

9:00 a.m.: Welcome ceremony and Mass with full choir

10:30 a.m.—4:45 p.m.: Veneration of the Relics of St. Thérèse

3:00-5:00 p.m.: Confessions available

5:00 p.m.: Mass of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday, October 12

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

6:00 a.m.: Weekday Mass

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

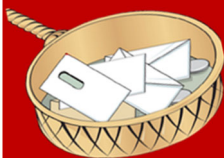
7:10-8:45 a.m.: Veneration of the Relics of St. Thérèse

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



Financial Offerings



September 27 /28, 2025

Unrestricted..... \$13,144.00

Restricted \$ 2,153.00

T O T A L.....\$15,297.00

August 30 / 31 \$25,632.00

September 6 / 7 \$16,853.00

September 13 / 14 \$20,925.00

September 20 / 21 .. \$24,716.00

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CHECK USERS:

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

Deus Vocat Invites You to Meet Our Carmelite Postulants

FR. MATTHIAS LAMBRECHT OCD
VOCATION DIRECTOR

FR. JAN LUNDBERG, OCD
ASS'T POSTULANT MASTER

RYAN COTTINGAME

JESS SANCHEZ

STEVEN ELLISON

Fr. Matthias Lambrecht invites you to the Parish Hall TODAY at 3:00 to meet our Carmelite Postulants and hear each one's personal testimony about their call to Carmel. You will also learn more about the Carmelite Order, the necessary requirements to become a Carmelite Postulant, and the process for discerning a vocation to the brotherhood or the priesthood. Please join us!

Food and Drinks Provided!
...and a special gift for all guests!

No need to RSVP

Date: October 5, 2025

Time: 3:00pm

Location: St. Therese Parish Hall



DEUS VOCAT DATE NIGHT



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!

CARMELITE AUXILIARY HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & BOUTIQUE



The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary invites you to their annual Holiday Luncheon and Boutique on **Thursday, October 16** (10:30 a.m.: 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.

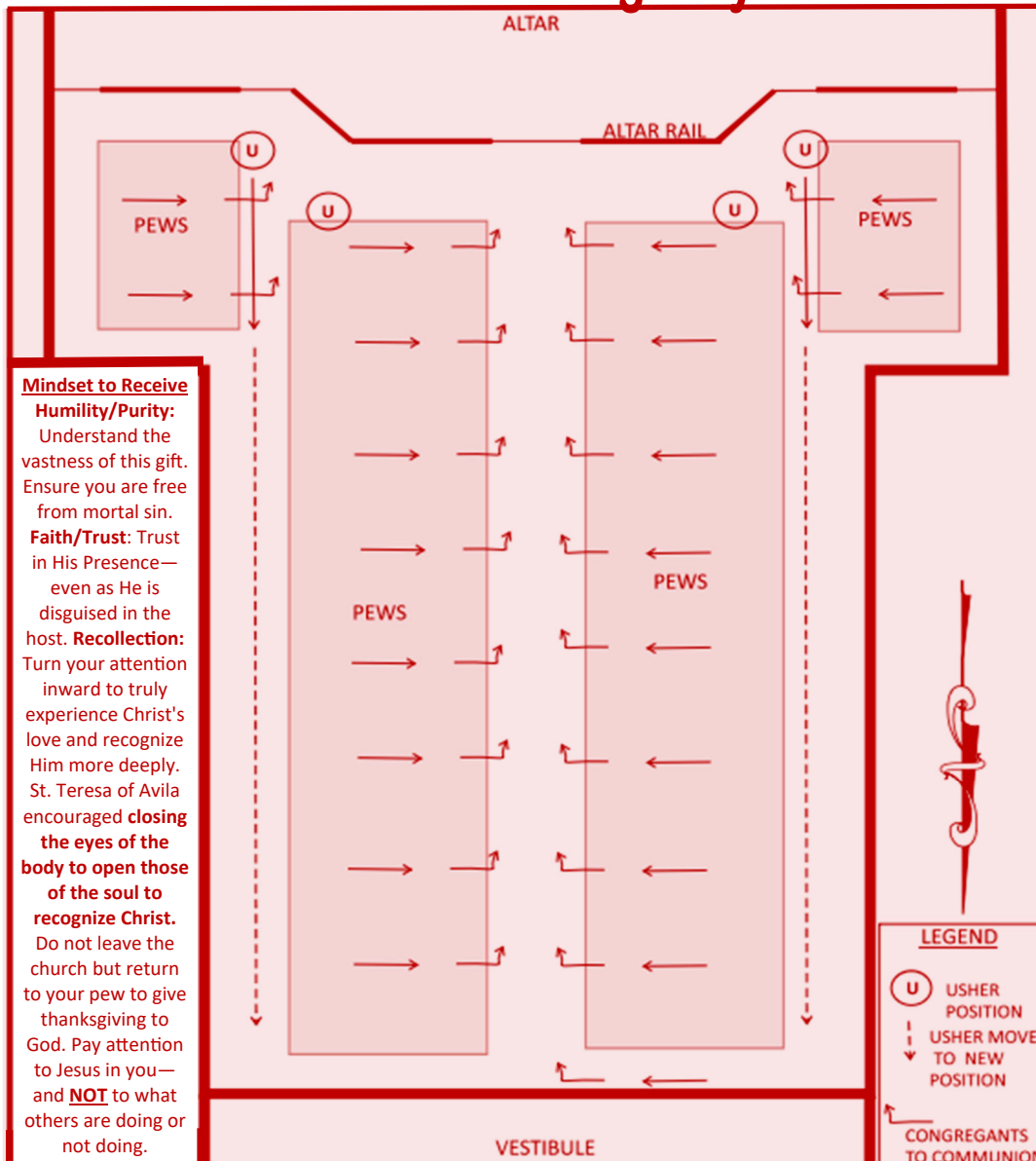
The event includes a Treasure Sale, a 50/50 raffle, and a Silent Auction! Also available for purchase will be the Carmelite Nuns' specialty breads, candy, nuts, and handmade items, as well as a variety of plants and holiday gift items.

Please RSVP by THIS MONDAY, 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. Include your name and any guests' names and your phone number.

**Handicap Drop-Off
at the Circular Driveway
AMPLE PARKING!**

For questions, call Kathy at (626) 570-9012.

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!



Cor Jesu

To all St. Therese
Youth and Families:

As we prepare for the grace of the Visitation of St. Therese's relics to St. Therese Parish, we invite you to join Cor Jesu on October 10 for an evening of faith-filled fun, fellowship, inspiration, and Eucharistic Adoration—jammin' with praise & worship in the most holy Presence of Jesus 🍷💕.

Please enter the below date, time, and location in your calendars!

DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025

TIME: 6:15 P.M.

PLACE: PARISH MEETING ROOM IN THE PARISH CENTER

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?**



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 **44854**
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!



Eucharistic Adoration

"Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

"My faith was looking at Jesus through the door of that tabernacle, so silent, so patient, so good—gazing right back at me....His gaze was telling me much and asking for more. It was a gaze in which all the sadness of the Gospels was reflected ... oppressing and crushing the sweet Heart of Jesus and drawing bitter tears from His eyes.."

—St. Manuel González García (February 25, 1877 – January 4, 1940)

St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia was born in Seville, Spain, into a devout family. When he secretly applied and was accepted to the seminary at 12 years of age, his parents saw it as God's will for their son. After being ordained as a priest on September 21, 1901, he was sent to his first assignment in Palomares del Rio. He discovered quickly that he had been sent to a region where most people had fallen away from the Faith. He found a church building in disrepair—dirty with cobwebs and dust everywhere. The altar linens had not been cared for, and the tabernacle was abandoned. He knelt down in prayer—after fighting every instinct in his body and mind to flee—and he fixed his gaze on Christ, who dwelt within the lonely tabernacle before him.

In that moment, St. Manuel encountered the depths of Christ's love and the deep agony of all He faced throughout His public ministry, all the way to the Cross until now, where He is abandoned in tabernacles across the world.

What St. Manuel discovered that day is the secret to Eucharistic renewal in the Church and the conversion of souls. He knew that he had to first give his entire being over to Christ's Real Presence in love, before he could convert souls. St. Manuel was appointed as the Bishop of Palencia from 1935 until his death. He was the founder of the Eucharistic Missionaries of Nazareth and also established both the Disciples of Saint John and the Children of Reparation. He was known as the **"Bishop of the Tabernacle"** due to his strong devotion to the Eucharist; he made it an objective of his to spread devotion to the Eucharist and encouraged frequent reception of it.

Mass Intentions

October 4—October 11, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Josie Villacorta, RIP

Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Sandra Arakawa, Birthday INT

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): All Humanity and
Thanksgiving for God's Creation

5:00 p.m.: Families visited in our Parish
Door-to-Door Ministry

Monday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: All Humanity and Thanksgiving
for God's Creation

8:00 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

7:15 p.m.: Isaias Diokno, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: George Abuede, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Angela Grimm, 12th Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: Sarita Gomez, Birthday INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Johny Arattukulam, OCD, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Louie Torres, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Frank Matranga, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Hattie M. Shower, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Vatche Kouyoumjian, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Angela Battles, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Richard Peter Macedonio, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Nancy Holman, Birthday INT

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Megan Grimm, 8th Birthday INT

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

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

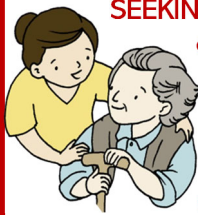
PILGRIMAGE TO GUADALUPE, MEXICO, with Carmelite friar Fr. Joseph Mary Tran, OCD, from Monday, **December 8**, through Saturday, **December 13, 2025**. Cost is \$2,250 per person, double occupancy. For more information, contact Beth Maddatu at maddatubeth2@gmail.com or 408-903-6305.

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.

Personal Ads

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.

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.



**IF TODAY YOU
HEAR HIS VOICE,
HARDEN NOT
YOUR HEARTS.**



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