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St. Therese Catholic Church



May 3, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

THE APOSTLES' NEED FOR ASSISTANTS

They chose Stephen, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, and presented them to the apostles, who prayed and laid hands on them (Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7).



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

Associate Pastors: Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, OCD

Fr. David Guzman, OCD X 1+232

In Residence: Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD;

Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD (X 1+226); Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD

Deacons: Deacon Gilbert Vargas | Deacon Otto Lacayo |

Deacon Rex Owens: Cell #s under CONTACTS on the

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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

ONLINE GIVING

Please consider a gift to St. Therese Church.

Open your banking app and scan this Zelle QR code. Use email donateSTC@gmail.com. If asked, the recipient is THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF LA ST THERESE CHU.



PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

May is the month of Our Blessed Mother. Throughout this month, I will include writings about Our Lady in my weekly column. At **today's 9:00 a.m. Mass**, we will hold our annual May Crowning of Our Lady's statue.

Below is an excerpt of an article taken from the National Catholic Register (dated May 7, 2002), on the tradition of crowning Mary's statue.

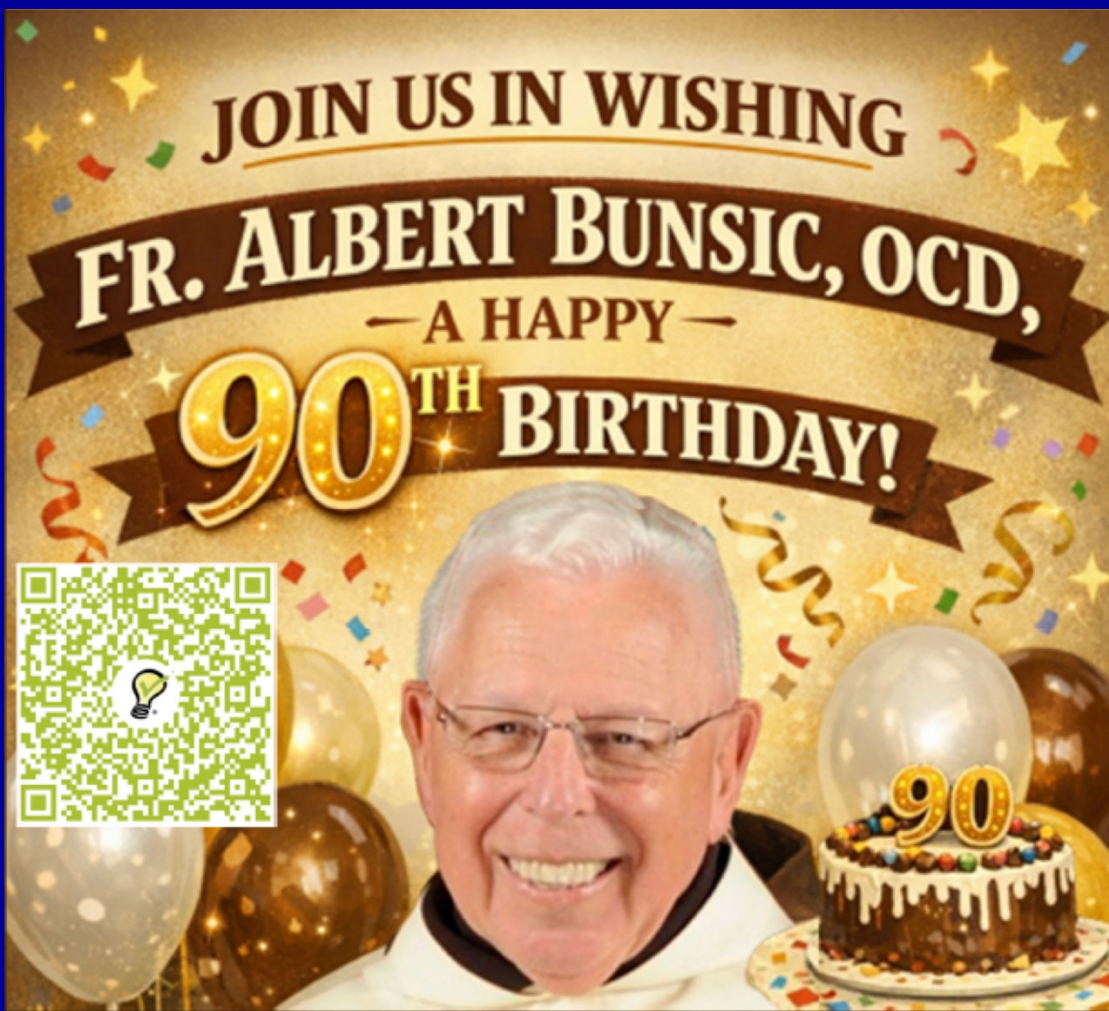
—Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D.

For many decades, the lovely words and melody of the hymn, *Bring Flowers of the Rarest*, have been gracing the beautiful traditional crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The ceremony has been held in countless parishes, schools, and homes throughout the world. "The crowning is symbolic of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Queen of our lives," Fr. John Broussard, Rector of the *National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help* in Champion, Wisconsin, explained. "We entrust all our intentions to her, and she takes them to her Son, who is the King. Even here at the shrine, when she appeared to Adele Brise [in 1859] at the opening of the apparitions, she said, '***I am the Queen of Heaven who prays for the conversion of sinners.***' We take that to heart," the priest added. "Our Blessed Mother is our Queen and our intercessor, and we symbolize that with our May crowning. Mary's Queenship in the shrine is represented in the crowning of the statue."

In 1987, in its "*Order of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary*," the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, the precursor to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said, "The month of May is dedicated to the Queen of Heaven, as are all flowers. Early in this month, a statue of the Virgin in the church is crowned with a wreath of flowers, and flowers are laid at her feet." The age-old tradition of showing the Blessed Virgin Mary wearing a royal crown stretches through the centuries.

In *Ad Caeli Reginam (Proclaiming the Queenship of Mary)*, Ven. Pius XII mentioned that in the East and West the practice of crowning images of the Mother of God came into use in the early fifth century: "Since the Council of Ephesus, Mary has been portrayed as Queen and Empress seated upon a royal throne adorned with royal insignia, crowned with the royal diadem and surrounded by the host of angels and saints in Heaven. By the end of the 16th century in the West, the practice of crowning images of the Blessed Virgin became extensive, as to emphasize she is the Mother of the Son of God."





DATE: Saturday, May 9
TIME: 6:00–10:00 p.m.
PLACE: Parish Hall

RSVP today for Fr. Albert's 90th birthday party! There will be complimentary **STEAK FAJITAS**. Just bring a **dish or dessert** to share. We also need **VOLUNTEERS** to help set up and clean up.

To sign up and indicate what item you can bring and/or how you can volunteer, scan the QR code on this flyer or click on the flyer on our website. It will take you to a website to sign up. **DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO GREET FR. ALBERT!**



Saint Therese Carmelite School
 Faith ✦ Academics ✦ Virtue



Talent Show

Friday, May 8, 4 pm

We will be hosting our annual talent show this week in the Parish Hall!

Join us for an afternoon of music and performance as our students share their gifts and talents!

Admission is **FREE**. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. **Proceeds from the food sale will benefit the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles.**

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH
4:00 PM
ST. THERESE PARISH HALL

THIS WEEKEND!



Mother's Day Baby Bottle & Baby Shower Outreach



Baby Bottle Distribution: THIS Saturday, May 2nd, and THIS Sunday, May 3rd

Baby Bottle Collection: Saturday, May 30th and Sunday, May 31st

GPS volunteers will be outside the church after all THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES to distribute baby bottles. Please take one and fill it with coins, bills, or checks, and return it when you come to Mass on May 30th or 31st.

Mother's Day Month Baby Shower: Gifts for moms and babies are greatly needed and very much appreciated. A Pac 'n Play crib can be found in the vestibule (or the front of the church) this weekend and the weekend of May 30th/May 31st.

Items needed for babies include: Blankets, diapers (sizes newborn, 3, 4, 5, & 6), Sippy cups, baby bottles, pacifiers, bibs, socks, teething toys, hardcover books, shoes, new clothing (especially sizes 2T and 3T for boys and girls), sleepers and T-shirts, etc.

Toiletries: shampoo, lotion, powder, thermometers, nail clippers, etc.

Items needed for mothers include: Feminine hygiene products, gently-used or new maternity clothes, nursing pads, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, household cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning products, paper towels, etc.

Thank you for your generosity and for participating in this important Pro-Life outreach!



THE CALL OF GOD SERIES

Is God calling you?

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



Donnoven Rios



Regina Martinez-Valenzuela

This **Tuesday, May 5**, join us in the **Parish Hall from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**, to hear the faith testimonies of two of our parishioners, while enjoying fellowship and some light snacks.

Donnoven Rice and Regina Martinez-Valenzuela are looking forward to sharing with you their personal faith journeys.

COME HEAR HOW GOD IS WORKING IN THEIR LIVES!



You're invited to join our women's ministry focused on healing the feminine genius. This season we will dive into **LOVED AS I AM** by Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT.

Come as you are, bring a friend, and grow with us in faith, healing, and truth. We welcome women of ALL ages, with a heart for young adult women. Our first weekly gathering will be **this Saturday, May 9, at 11:00 a.m.**, in the **Avila Room** (in the Parish Office building; enter through the office's back door on the parking lot side—next to the entrance to the Adoration Chapel).

Please **RSVP via email or text** to Ivonne Ruiz: Ivonnerg12@yahoo.com | (831) 435-6501.

DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE Conference

May 17 through May 21, 2026, in our Church



My Remnant Army has arranged for Fr. Lawrence Carney, the author of *"The Secret of The Holy Face: The Devotion Destined to Save Society,"* to be with us from **Sunday, May 17, through Thursday, May 21**, to give a talk each night on the Secrets of the Holy Face. This Conference is just one of his stops on his Tour of Southern California to promote the Holy Face of Jesus. The admission will be \$10 per evening. Register at www.myremnantarmy.com (click on "events").



Fr. Carney is the chaplain of the Benedictines of Mary since 2014 and is the founder of St. Martin's League, a pious association that prays for reverence, reparation, and reversion—the chief goals being enrollment in the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face and the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary.

Tentative Daily Schedule:

6:30 PM – Check-in (in front of the church) 6:45 PM – Talks begins 9:00 PM – Conclusion

Admission: \$10 daily—Register at www.myremnantarmy.com (click on events)

Please note: Holy Mass will not be offered during these sessions.

CATHOLIC MERCHANDISE will be available, along with a book signing each evening. A love offering is appreciated to support Fr. Carney's ministry.

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FACE: Fr. Carney will consecrate those completing the 33-Day Total Consecration to the Holy Face on **Monday, May 18, 2026**. To join the Consecration, please email: Info@myremnantarmy.com for the private link.

Ice Cream Sunday Fun Day



Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary Fundraiser
Ice Cream Sunday Funday!!!

Handels' Ice Cream Truck
Sunday, June 7, 2026
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

St. Therese Parish Parking Lot



For ordering PINTS of ice cream (\$8.50 per pint), you will need to **PRE-ORDER FOR PICK UP ON JUNE 7**. From the list of available flavors below, please indicate next to each flavor the number of pints you want to PRE-order:

AVAILABLE FLAVORS

<input type="checkbox"/> Vanilla Mint Chip	<input type="checkbox"/> Cookie Dough
<input type="checkbox"/> Salty Caramel Truffle	<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Monster
<input type="checkbox"/> Vanilla Oreo	<input type="checkbox"/> Butter Pecan
<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate	<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Peanut Butter Brownie
<input type="checkbox"/> Mocha Almond Fudge	<input type="checkbox"/> Mango Sorbet (vegan)
<input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry	



Name (please print) _____

Phone Number _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF PINTS ORDERED _____ X \$8.50 each = \$ _____

(Make check payable to: Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary and mail it with the order form to: Maryanne Losorelli, 533 Milton Drive, San Gabriel 91775.)

Pre-order deadline May 30, 2026

On June 7th, you will be able to order any of the following: (no pre-order necessary)

- 2 1/2 scoop cone—\$7 each
- Kid's Bunny Bowl—\$7 each
- Dipped waffle cone or bowl—\$9 each
- Root beer float—\$9 each




Financial Offerings



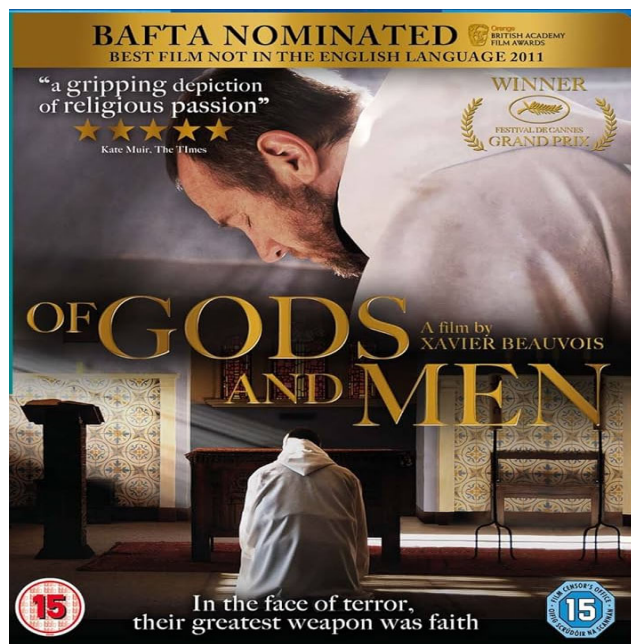
April 25 / 26, 2026

Unrestricted..... \$19,196.00
 Restricted \$ 990.00
T O T A L.....\$20,186.00

March 28 / 29 \$21,015.00
 April 4 / 5 \$40,278.00
 April 11 / 12 \$16,245.00
 April 18 / 19 \$25,011.00

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

MOVIE NIGHT: May 30



Our next Movie Night on our **OUTDOOR BIG SCREEN** will be **Saturday, May 30, beginning at 7:30 p.m.**, in the parking lot. We will be showing **OF GODS AND MEN**, a true story of eight French Trappist monks in 1990s Algeria. Amidst the rising violence of the Algerian Civil War, the monks must decide whether to flee or stay to support the local community they serve, ultimately facing a profound crisis of faith and mortality. (Due to intense scenes, not recommended for children.)

FROM THE MARTINEZ FAMILY

TO OUR DEAR
CARMELITE
FRIARS,
our beloved
CARMELITE
CLOISTERED
NUNS, and our
cherished St.
Therese Parish
Community:



From the bottom of my heart, **THANK YOU** for the love, kindness, and support you have shown to me and my family during these past months, especially through the passing of my husband Enoch. Every meal, every phone call, every prayer card, and every visit brought comfort to us in ways I can never fully express. Your presence carried us through some of our hardest days, and we felt truly held by this community. Please know that my family and I keep each one of you in our prayers with deep gratitude.

With love,
Susana Martinez
& Family



A Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass

Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 42: The Eucharistic Prayer

After the Prayer over the offerings, we come to the Eucharistic Prayer. ...Throughout it, we can find a great outline and model for our own prayer. The Elements of the Eucharistic Prayer are:



- a) The **thanksgiving** (Preface), in which the priest... glorifies God the Father and gives thanks to Him.
- b) The **acclamation**, by which the whole congregation...sings the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy).
- c) The **epiclesis**, in which... the Church implores the power of the Holy Spirit that the gifts offered by human hands be consecrated.
- d) The **institution narrative and Consecration**, by which ... that Sacrifice is effected which Christ Himself instituted during the Last Supper.
- e) The **anamnesis**, by which the Church ... celebrates the memorial of Christ.
- f) The **oblation**, by which... the Church... offers the unblemished sacrificial Victim in the Holy Spirit to the Father.
- g) The **intercessions**, by which ... the Eucharist is celebrated in communion with the whole Church ... and that the oblation is made for her and for all her members, living and dead.
- h) The concluding **Doxology**, by which the glorification of God is expressed and ...concluded by the people's acclamation, "Amen."

Source: Fr. Luke Spannagel's blog at <https://www.stphils.com/Church/Eucharistic-revival-walk-through-the-Mass/>

Mass Intentions

May 2—May 9, 2026

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:

5:00 p.m.: Gabriella & Liam J. Coyle, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Susan Morgan, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Emily Lauren Cheah, INT

9:00 a.m.: Antonio C. Cailan, INT

11:00 am: Richard & Corinne Godlewski, RIP

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

5:00 p.m.: All Humanity & Th'vgv for God's Creation

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Carlos Ibarra & Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Khouw Lip Hing, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Mauro Robles, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Rebeca Willis, RIP

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

6:00 a.m.: John Hummel, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Isaiah James Murphy, INT

7:15 p.m.: Albert Lay, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Teddy Yang, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Teresa Megan Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Eden Uy Sy Su, Birthday INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Lupe Salgado, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Teresa Natalie Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Damaris Shower, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Lao Unkiong & Matea Lao, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Nastassja Hall, RIP

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Carmina & Julius Doria, Ann. 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 at the Sunday 11:00 a.m. and the Monday 7:15 p.m. Masses. Be sure to "tune in"!

Pilgrimages

The complete itineraries for the following pilgrimages are on the website (OUTSIDE THE PARISH section).

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE with Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, from November 22—December 3, 2026. Walk in the footsteps of Jesus as we travel through Galilee, Tiberius, Caesarea, Cana, Capernaum, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jericho, Mt. Carmel, Jerusalem, etc. Walk the Via Dolorosa, take a two-hour boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, float on the Dead Sea, and so much more! **REDUCED PRICE: \$4,599** each (from LAX). Contact: Albert or Mary Helen Estrada at (626) 533-4839.



CARMELITE-INSPIRED PILGRIMAGE to Italy from July 9-18, 2026: Land Tour cost: \$3880. Visit Assisi in this Year of Grace, the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis, the "Seraphic Father," with the friends of the Discalced Carmelites. Visit Siena, Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Mont Sant' Angelo, Pompeii, Amalfi, Montecassino, and more. Off the beaten path and at a slower pace, this unique route offers opportunities to encounter the wondrous saints of Italy in the places where they lived and breathed. Join us and experience untold beauty! Includes 9 nights at 3-4 star hotels, private bath, breakfast & dinner, private motorcoach or van, all touring on program, entrance fees to all sites per itinerary, tour chaplain & daily Holy Mass. Additional Costs: Overseas flights (LAX round trip to Rome, Italy). As of now, the non-stop airfare varies from \$1300 (economy) to \$2400 (Premier) on Norse Atlantic. Sign-up deadline: April 30, 2026. Pilgrimage is with Sacred Heart Tours, (845) 594-2222, www.sacredhearttours.com. For more info, contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186.

ALABAMA, HERE WE COME! Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament and EWTN from July 29 to August 4, 2026. Come see what the Lord did through Mother Angelica and is still doing through the friars at EWTN and the cloistered nuns at the Shrine. A full six days of serenity, prayer, spiritual talks, tours, fellowship, and family fun. Space is limited. Approximately \$1,500 per person. For more info, call Albert and Mary Helen Estrada at (626) 533-4839.

Personal Ad

Lady (with her pet cat) seeks to rent a room in a house (BR with closet, priv. bath, privileges in a large kitchen with stove & microwave, space in the living room for a large TV, pkg space in the garage with storage. Can pay up to \$600. If you can help, please call Valerie at (626) 713-4420.