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St. Therese Catholic Church



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He told them a parable: "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He said, 'I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones to store all my grain. Then I can rest, eat, drink, and be merry!' But God said, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; to whom will your riches belong then?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God" (Luke 12:16-21).

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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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page
or on the Church's website >Our School> Videos



SACRAMENTS

- Baptisms: Register online
- Weddings: Register online at least six months in advance
- Anointing of the Sick: Call the office

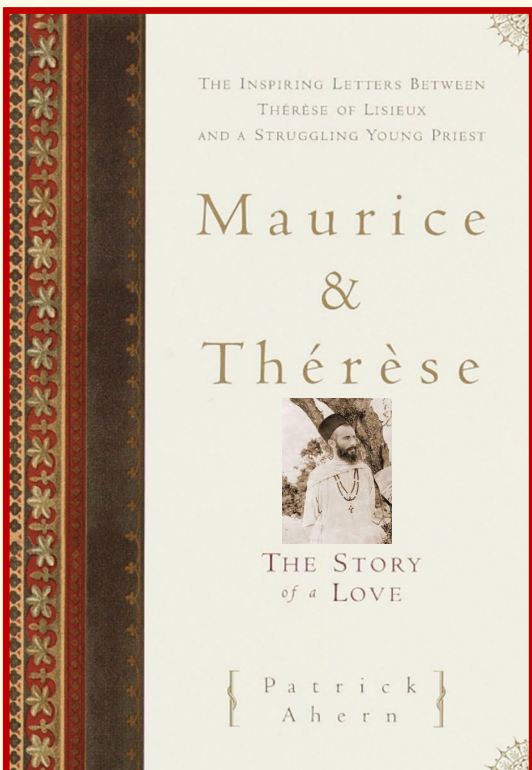
PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

I would like to invite **any of you who love to sing to please join our Parish Choir**. I *know* some of you can sing because I can hear you during Mass. I'm looking for more volunteers. So, if you would like to volunteer to sing with us, please contact Charlotte, our Music Director (credochoir1@gmail.com).

Let us now continue with St. Therese's letter to her missionary brother, Fr. Maurice Belliere.

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD



Letter from St. Therese to Fr. Belliere July 18, 1897 (Letter 258) - Part One

J.M.J.T.—Jesus +



My poor and dear little Brother,

Your pain touches me deeply, but see how good Jesus is. He allows me to write to you again to try to console you, and this will probably not be the last time. This gentle Savior hears your complaints and your prayers; that is why He still leaves me on earth. Do not believe that I am distressed by it, oh, no!, my dear little brother; on the contrary, because I see in this behavior of Jesus how much He loves you!...

I doubtless explained myself very badly in my last little note, since you tell me, my dear little brother, not to "ask you for this joy that I feel at the approach of happiness." Ah! if for a few moments you could read my soul, how surprised you would be! The thought of heavenly happiness not only causes me no joy, but I sometimes wonder how it will be possible for me to be happy without suffering. Jesus, no doubt, will change my nature, otherwise I would regret the suffering and the valley of tears. I never asked the good Lord to die young... that would have seemed cowardly to me, but He from my childhood deigned to give me the intimate

persuasion that my journey here below would be short. It is therefore the very thought of accomplishing the will of the Lord that makes all my joy.

O, my little brother, how I wish I could pour the balm of consolation into your heart! I can only borrow the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. He cannot be offended by them since I am his little wife and consequently His possessions are mine. I therefore say to you, like He did to those close to Him: "I am going to my Father, but because I have spoken to you in this way, your heart is filled with sadness, yet I am telling you the truth: it is in your interest that I go away. You are sad now, but I will see you again, and your heart will be happy and no one will take that joy away from you."

Yes, I'm sure of it, after my entry into life, my dear little brother's sadness will change into a peaceful joy that no creature can take from him. I feel it, we must go to Heaven by the same way, that of suffering united to love. When I will be at the port, I will teach you, dear little brother of my soul, how you will have to navigate the stormy seas of the world with the abandon and the love of a child who knows that his Father cherishes him and cannot leave him alone in the hour of danger. Ah! I would like you to understand the tenderness of the Heart of Jesus and what He expects of you. In your letter of the 14th, you made my heart tremble gently. I understood more than ever to what extent your soul is sister to mine since it is called to rise towards God by the elevator of love and not to climb the steep staircase of fear... I am in no way surprised that the practice of familiarity with Jesus seems to you a little difficult to achieve; we cannot get there in a day; but I am sure I will help you much more to walk this delicious way when I am delivered from my mortal envelope, and soon, like St. Augustine, you will say: "*Love is the weight that pulls me down.*"

Mission Co-Op Appeal for the Diocese of Ootacamund

NEXT WEEKEND, August 9 and 10, is the Annual Mission Co-Op Appeal. **BISHOP AMALRAJ of the Diocese of Ootacamund in India** (established in 1955 by Pope Pius XII) will be at all the Masses to speak on behalf of his people. A second collection will be taken for their benefit.

The Diocese of Ootacamund is located in the mountainous region of **Tamil Nadu, India**. With a Catholic population of approximately 98,000 (5% of the local population), the Diocese is served by 150 priests, 415 religious, and serves 67 parishes, 226 mission stations, and 22 high schools. Despite these efforts, many parishes and institutions in the Diocese face significant challenges. Two-thirds of the population are illiterate, and most families rely on daily-wage labor, earning about \$4 per day, which limits their ability to afford education for their children.

The Diocese is home to several indigenous tribes in the Nilgiris and Erode districts, who also face barriers to education due to difficult terrain and lack of proper roads. Boarding schools have been established to provide educational opportunities for these tribal children.



The Diocese has been blessed with a high number of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. However, limited resources make it challenging to support seminarians preparing for the priesthood. Funds raised through this appeal will be used specifically for the education of children in orphanages and the support of seminarians in the Diocese.

Bishop Amalraj will be very grateful for your generosity and prayers in support of the mission and evangelization of the global Church. **May God bless you for your sacrificial giving!**

MOVIE NIGHT ON AUGUST 23

The Carmelite Friars invite you to join them for our next **BIG SCREEN MOVIE NIGHT** in our parking lot on **Saturday, August 23**. The movie will start at 7:30 p.m., but there will be hot dogs and more by 6:30 p.m.

We will present *THE RELUCTANT SAINT*, a 1962 historical comedy drama film which tells the story of St. Joseph of Cupertino, a 17th-century Italian Conventual Franciscan friar and mystic. Most of the key events in the movie are based on historical events or reports about his life. Born Giuseppe Desa, he was seen by many witnesses levitating and in ecstasy. The movie was filmed in Rome and stars Maximilian Schell and Ricardo Montalban.

Bring your own chair or use one of ours from the Parish Hall. SEE YOU THEN!



Religious Ed Registration



We will have in-person registration in the Parish Hall on:

**Sunday, August 10, and
Sunday, August 17,
8:30 a.m. to Noon
(after the 7:30, 9:00,
and 11:00 a.m. Masses)**

On those Sundays, families are invited to register their children for:

- First Communion
- Confirmation
- Non-Sacramental Classes

Adults who need Confirmation and those who have never been baptized are invited to register on those dates for the OCIA program (formerly RCIA).

Application forms will be available on site. For first-time students, **please bring the original and one copy of your child's BIRTH and BAPTISMAL certificates.** Come by with any questions and to submit your completed form. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming your family!

For more information, visit the Church website where you may also register online.

**[www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org/
ReligiousEducationInfo](http://www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org/ReligiousEducationInfo)**



Celebrate Religious Education

REPARATION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

**Every Tuesday 8:00PM-9:15PM
St. Therese Church**

1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra, Ca 91801



"It was the Little Flower's (St. Therese's) devotion to the Holy Face, which drove her to unparalleled heights of sanctity." - Fr. Emeric B. Scallan

Tuesdays are traditionally dedicated to the Holy Face of Jesus. The primary purpose is to make reparation for sins against the first three Commandments: denial of God, blasphemy, and profanation of Sundays and Holy Days.

Join us **EVERY TUESDAY** at 8pm after evening mass:

- + Brief Spiritual Reading
- + Reparation Prayers
- + Holy Rosary
- + Holy Face Chaplet

"Reparation is a work destined to save society!"
-Blessed Pope Pius IX

Financial Offerings



July 26 / 27, 2025

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fear, a lack of knowledge in what constitutes abuse, or a reluctance to get involved. Adults have a responsibility to learn from survivors about abusive situations that went unresolved or unreported, to protect children from harm.

For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Learning from Survivors of Abuse” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/ and for abuse prevention training information please visit <https://lacatholics.org/education-and-training/>.

ROSARY, MASS & RECEPTION FOR PARISHIONER CHRISTINE PLEUSS

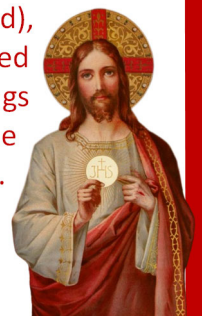


December 26, 1951,
to May 8, 2025

Christine, well known and loved by many of our parishioners, passed away from colon cancer on May 8, 2025. Shortly before her death, she returned to her childhood home in Wisconsin to enter hospice care near her family. Though the illness made eating

difficult and required frequent hospital visits, she bore her suffering with patience and grace—offering it with a smile to God, in union with the Holy Mass and the sufferings of Christ.

Christine truly exemplified what it means to live as a Christian. In addition to her deep commitment to the Mass and a strong prayer life, she was always willing to help those in need—welcoming people to stay in her humble apartment or use her shower until they found their own place. She was a devoted and supportive parishioner for many years, actively involved in several ministries: the Rosary Makers, the Parish Choir, Respect Life (as a regular prayer warrior outside Planned Parenthood), and Cor Jesu (for which she helped care for children during the meetings as well as for individual families). She was also a faithful volunteer at St. Therese School, and her love for the Church extended globally through numerous overseas mission trips.



To honor Christine's memory and pray for the repose of her soul, all parishioners and friends are invited to a **Rosary/Memorial Mass at St. Therese this Friday, August 8, beginning at 7:00 p.m. (celebrated by Fr. David Guzman). A reception will follow in the Guadalupe Courtyard. If you can bring something to share for the reception, please call Maria Alejandra at (626) 993-4236.**

Pro-Life Client Advocate Training

GPS | Guadalupe Pregnancy Services

Guadalupe Pregnancy Center Services (GPS) will host a ProLife Client Advocate (CA) Training as follows:

Date: Saturday, August 16, 2025

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**Place: 1168 San Gabriel Blvd. Ste. E,
Rosemead 91770**

If you wish to volunteer as a prolife client advocate, learn active listening, fetal development, parenting skills, and other areas related to supporting women/ men and their babies, this training is for you.

Please RSVP by text to (323) 360-5186 by August 13th. You will receive a confirmation response.

**PRO-LIFE
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TRAINING**



The Relics of St. Thérèse Are Coming Soon!

After 25 years, the magnificent reliquary of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face will once again grace the United States. Wherever St. Thérèse goes, hearts are moved, crowds gather, and countless graces flow. As she promised on her deathbed:

"I want to spend my Heaven doing good on earth..."

"I will let fall a shower of roses."

The relics of this beloved Carmelite saint will be visiting St. Therese Church in Alhambra on **October 11 and 12, 2025.**

For the full local and national schedule, visit: <https://StThereseUSA2025.com>

Don't miss this rare and grace-filled opportunity to welcome the Little Flower into your heart!

To volunteer during the visit, please contact the Parish Office at (626) 282-2744, ext. 0.



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6 Stages of the Admissions Process

Family Application

Interested families should fill out our Family Application, as well as a Sibling Application for each additional sibling applicant. Completed applications, supporting documentation, and application fees can be turned in to the school office.

School Tour

Interested families can schedule a tour by visiting SaintThereseCarmeliteSchool.com/Schedule-A-Tour or by calling the school office.



Class Visit, Interview, and Assessment

After submitting a completed application, families may choose to arrange a class visit for their student applicant.

Families will meet with the Principal for a Formal Interview, and each student applicant will come in for assessment.

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Decision Letter

Shortly after the Formal Interview and Assessment, applicant families will receive a formal decision letter in the mail.

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Welcome to STCS!

Registration

After acceptance, families should return a signed contract and registration fee to the school office within ten business days in order to secure their spot.

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Mass Intentions

August 2—August 9, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Mark Asayama, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 am: Sr. Mary, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Charles "Chuck" Marikian, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Rosario Asayama, INT

11:00 a.m.: All Humanity and Thanksgiving
for God's Creation

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

5:00 p.m.: Fely Bernardo Cruz, RIP

Monday:

6 am: Carm Friars of St. Therese Church INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Fr. David Guzman, Birthday INT

7:15 pm: Fr. Philip Sullivan, B-Day & Ann., INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory

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

8:00 am: Anabel and Anthony Uy, INT

7:15 p.m.: Fred Bunsic, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: DeAvila Family, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Cherry Lou Sia, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Jose DeAvila Family, INT

7:30 am: Sr. Frances, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Edith Rotela, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Vargas DeAvila Family, INT

7:30 a.m.: Sr. Frances, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Ibarra, Sr., Family, INT

Saturday Morning

7:30 a.m.: Alhambra Cloistered Nuns

8:00 a.m.: Virgilio Lopez, RIP

*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"!

**FOR WHAT DOES A MAN
GET FOR ALL THE TOIL
AND STRIVING WITH
WHICH HE LABORS UNDER
THE SUN?**

- ECCLESIASTES 2:22

**If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs
to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity,
lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

Colossians 3:5

**Take care to guard against all greed,
for though one may be rich, one's
life does not consist of possessions.**

Luke the Evangelist

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
+ Christine Pleuss
(See Page Five)

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