

St. Therese Catholic Church

Est. 1924



(Now Celebrating the Centennial of Our Founding (1924-2024))

August 4, 2024 510 North El Molino Street | Alhambra CA 91801 | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org



"I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst!" (John 6:35).

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

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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 want to announce that we will be having a change in our Music Director position. **Andrew Coyne is leaving** us to take a music position at another parish this month. I want to thank him for all his great work while he was here at St. Therese, and I wish him the best at his new parish!

I think most of you know our "new" Music Director. Charlotte Lansberg served here at St. Therese for many years under Fr. Philip, and we're so happy to welcome her back as our Music Director and Organist! Her credentials and experience are unmatched! For all of you who have heard her Credo Catholic Choir sing or who came to our Vespers service for Our Lady of Mount Carmel, I think you will agree that she brings with her a sublime standard of music to our Parish!



On another note, **this month begins our 10th year of classical education at our beloved Saint Therese Carmelite School.** We are expecting the highest enrollment since our re-founding as a classical school. If you received my appeal letter last May for the School and have not yet sent in your donation, please do so as our donations are lagging a bit. Remember, we are simply asking 100 people to give \$5000 each in order to meet all our scholarship and building and renovation needs.

After watching Gloria Purvis speak at the National Eucharistic Congress on how her Catholic education had such an influence on her that she converted to Catholicism at the age of 12, I am convicted about keeping our little School going for all the young souls who will be formed by its Catholic culture and its mission to form the next generation of saints for our Church!



**Thank you for
your generosity
and God Bless you
and your families!**

—Fr. Peter Mary

2024-2025 COR JESUS YOUTH & FAMILY NIGHTS

Don't miss it! The first one is this Friday!

Conquering the Seven Deadly Sins: Deeper Prayer, Virtue, and Carmelite Saints

YOUTH! FAMILIES! FR. ROBERT INVITES YOU TO JOIN! The next event is THIS Friday, August 9. See the schedule below:

6:15 PIZZA SOCIAL—Meet in the Hall! We will have pizza at the tables in front.

6:45 PM BREAK OUT INTO CENACLES/GROUPS (1) High School-ers, (2) Middle School-ers (6th, 7th, 8th Grades), 3. *Parents, and 4) *Children)

8:15 PM: HOLY HOUR/CONFESSIONS (ALL are welcome!): Helping youth and their families encounter Jesus (traditional benediction, chants, soft praise, music, Gospel reflection, compline).

*Children from three years through 5th Grade will have the “Virtues in Practice” Program. Parents will break out with their own cenacles for reflections on the Sunday Gospels, commitments, intercessory prayer, etc.



Bring a Bible and a Rosary!

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION



The Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven—body and soul—is on **Thursday, August 15th**. It is a holy day of obligation for Catholics to attend Mass.

We will celebrate a vigil Mass the night before (**Wednesday, August 14**) at 7:15 p.m., followed by Adoration and Benediction, and the Masses on the holy day will be at 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. in our church and at 7:30 a.m. at the Cloistered Nuns' Chapel.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY

O Blessed Virgin Mary, in your glorious Assumption, you were taken body and soul into Heaven, a radiant sign of hope and grace for all of us here on Earth. On this special occasion of your reunion with your Son in Heaven, we honor you and humbly ask you to pray for the parishioners of St. Therese Church during this 100th anniversary of our founding, that we may receive the abundant mercy and love of your Son, Jesus.

Lead us ever closer to Him, that we may follow His teachings and walk in His light. Bless our Parish with unity, love, and faithfulness, and help us to embody His love and compassion, to seek His truth and wisdom, and to remain steadfast in our devotion, until we, too, may rejoice with you in the glory of Heaven.

Amen.

Seeking a Coordinator for Our Women's Annual Retreat



El Carmelo Retreat House is still in need of a captain (coordinator) for St. Therese Church's annual Women's Retreat in Redlands. The retreat usually takes place in the Spring during Lent on the second weekend of March. Training can be arranged.

If you feel called to this important ministry, please contact Fr. Philip Sullivan at El Carmelo Retreat House: (909) 792-1047 or elcarmelorh@gmail.com.

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT!

YOU are invited to join us for our next Parish Movie Night--shown on the ST. THERESE BIG SCREEN in our parking lot on **Saturday, August 24, starting with a potluck dinner at 7:00 p.m.** Our regular folding chairs will be available, but you're encouraged to bring your own comfortable seating. There will be lots of food, so come hungry!

We will present the 1964 Disney film, **MARY POPPINS**, starring Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke (both actors are still living!).

We hope
to see
YOU
there!



Pilgrimage to France with Fr. David For Our 100th Anniversary (Oct 2024)



St. Therese Parish's Fr. David will be the chaplain for a Special Pilgrimage to France. The Pilgrimage explores where the Little Flower lived, as well as other holy sites in France (Lisieux, Dijon, Lourdes, Mont St. Michel and others), as part of St. Therese Parish's Celebration of our 100th Jubilee Year.

The price of this 12-day Pilgrimage is \$3,985.00, L.A. to L.A., which includes round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations, breakfasts and lunches, and admission prices. Mass will be celebrated daily.

The complete itinerary can be found in the church vestibule by the Baptistry... If they're all taken, email our Parish Secretary (denisekay@hotmail.com), using **PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE** in the subject line, to request one.



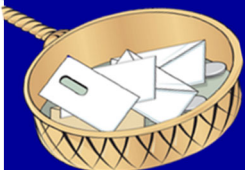
Safeguard the Children

DID YOU KNOW? What does it mean to be **trauma-informed**? To be a trauma-informed person means that you have cultivated an awareness about trauma and the effects it has on people's lives. Trauma is a far more common experience than we would like to believe, and includes—but is not limited to—child sexual abuse, genocide, and domestic violence. Trauma-informed people recognize that trauma has a profound, lasting impact, and can leave victims struggling to cope.

To learn more, read the **VIRTUS®** article "Being Trauma-Informed" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



Financial Offerings



July 27 / 28, 2024

Unrestricted..... \$15,530.00
Restricted \$ + 230.00
T O T A L.....\$15,760.00

June 29 / 30 \$11,234.00
July 6 / 7 \$23,906.00
July 13 / 14 \$14,177.00
July 20 / 21 \$16,694.00

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

"LET ME INTRODUCE YOU..." By Fr. Stephen F. Watson OCD



Mary Jane Craig walked two lengths of a football field to join our recent Parish Picnic at Lacy Park back in June. This was a feat for an 87-year-old woman awaiting knee surgery. Mary Jane knows Lacy Park well. She led many Girl Scout summer camps there back in the day. This is her story.

During an October snowstorm in Chicago in 1936, Mary Jane came into the world. Her mother, Genevieve, was raised in a large family in Cicero, Illinois; her father, John Peterson, was born in Stockholm, Sweden. He came with his family to the U.S. via Ellis Island when he was four. Years later, in 1942, John and Gen packed up their family in a 1935 Ford and moved to California. They lived in a brand-new tri-plex near Central and Manchester in L.A. John worked the night shift in the shipyards, and Gen worked at Van de Kamp Bakery. Mary Jane went to St. Michael Grammar School while her sister, Ethelmay, nicknamed "Boots," went to Wilson High.

During the war years, the Peterson home was always filled with servicemen on the weekends. Their nephews, cousins, and their friends would use their passes to visit. After the war, John and Gen moved to a tract home in the center of farmland in Compton. (Imagine! A farm in Compton!) Life was good!

After a year discerning with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, Mary Jane went to St. Anthony High School in Long Beach; on the weekends, she worked at St. Francis Hospital in Lynwood. After high school, she went to Compton Junior College to study accounting. She also found out she was good at archery—winning several gold medals in intermural competition. The family moved to Monterey Park, where Mary Jane joined St. Stephen's young adult group, the Stephenites. It was there that Mary Jane met her future husband, John Craig. The couple married at St. Stephen on August 1, 1959; in October the following year, they were blessed with a beautiful baby girl named Maureen.

In 1961, Mary Jane got a very good job at L.A. County Hospital in the data processing department. This was providential, because things took a bad turn the next year. Her husband, John, died in a car accident. Mary Jane was now the sole breadwinner while raising Maureen. She became accomplished in data processing and worked with computer programmers to explain how medical reports were used.

In 1973, Mary Jane was able to buy a home on El Molino Street (this 1914 home—formerly owned by the Dennisons, whom I wrote about earlier this year—just a few blocks from St. Therese—has been their family home for over fifty years). Mary Jane enrolled Maureen at St. Therese School and later at San Gabriel Mission High. By now, Mary Jane was a programmer working downtown. Her parents were a big part of her and Maureen's life. It was like Maureen grew up with *three* parents. After her first years at Mount St. Mary's, Maureen went to the University of San Diego, eventually settling there.

Mary Jane's involvement in St. Therese Parish began as soon as she enrolled Maureen in our School. She became the Girl Scout coordinator; the co-captain for the women's retreats; a religious ed teacher; and she sang in the traditional and contemporary choirs. She was a religious ed teacher, the coordinator of the extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, and lectured at Mass. She was also active in the Ladies' Auxiliary and was the secretary of our Parish Council. There isn't space to list everything of which she was part.

About nine years ago, Maureen moved back to Alhambra to take care of her mother, who had just undergone cancer surgery. Maureen has since become the "go-to person" for all our Parish events requiring food service. She is an excellent chef and has her own catering service. You've probably eaten her food if you have come to any of our Parish events.

Mary Jane says she never really wanted to work outside the home. She simply wanted to have a big family and be a PTA mom. How sweet! God had other plans, however. Mary Jane has been a generous, hard-working person devoted to the Church. We are happy that Maureen is now with her. By the way, Mary Jane recently had successful knee surgery. I hope she is looking forward to more picnics in the park!

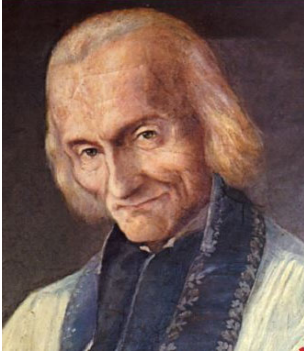
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

“Could you not watch one hour with me?”



“When you awake in the night, transport yourself quickly in spirit before the Tabernacle, saying: “Behold, my God, I come to adore You, to praise, thank, and love you, and to keep you company with all the Angels.”

St. John Vianney (May 8, 1786 - August 4, 1859)



There is a story about St John Vianney, famously known as the Curé d’Ars (French for “pastor / priest of Ars,” a town in France). The priest often saw a farmer sit in the back of the parish church, spending long periods of time there, lost in silence. Finally, one day, the saint asked him what he did during adoration. The farmer simply responded, “Nothing. I look at Him and He looks at me.” This is what Eucharistic Adoration is: a time for us to concentrate exclusively on Jesus present before us and allow Him to look back upon us with love.

St John Vianney (the patron saint of priests) himself would spend long hours in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. He said: “We ought to visit Him often. How dear to Him is a quarter of an hour spared from our occupations or from some useless employment, to come and pray to Him, visit Him, and console Him for all the ingratitude He receives! When He sees pure souls hurrying to Him, He smiles at them.”

Be a Committed Adorer: Make a commitment to spend an hour or more every week with Our Lord in our Adoration Chapel! Go to <https://adorationpro.org/theresecca> to sign up.

Saint Therese Carmelite School

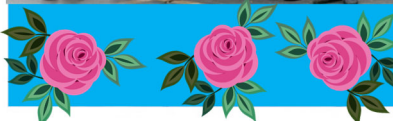
Deeply rooted in Carmelite spirituality, Saint Therese Carmelite School, united with our parents who are the primary educators of their children, seeks to form students in faith, academics, and virtue through a Classical education.



Open Enrollment

TK-8TH GRADE
COME AND SEE!

Classical curriculum, Weekly Mass, Monthly Confession, Advanced Latin, Euclidean geometry, All-school choir, Fine arts, CYO sports, and more.



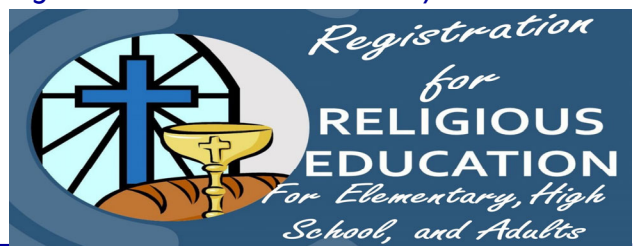
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Religious Ed Registration

We will begin taking registrations for Religious Education classes this month (classes begin in September). Registration is for: Elementary grades, First Holy Communion, High School Confirmation, and Adult OCIA (formerly RCIA)—for those seeking to become Catholic OR to complete their Sacraments of Initiation.

We will begin taking **in-person registrations** after the **9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, August 25, and Sunday, September 1st.** You may also register online by clicking on the links found on the home page of our website OR by picking up a form in the office.

If you register online, you will still need to drop off or mail in the copy of your child’s baptism certificate and the registration fee (cash or check) to the office (fees can be seen on the registration forms on the website).



Mass Intentions

August 3—August 10, 2024

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Charles "Chuck" Marikian, RIP

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Parishioners of St. Therese

7:30 a.m.: Fr. David Guzman, OCD, Birthday INT

9:00 a.m.: Anabel & Anthony Uy, Birthdays, INT

11:00 a.m.: All Humanity & God's Creation INT

1 pm (Latin): Candelaria Marrero Ferreira, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Bob and Louise Escobedo, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Gabino & Antero Sia, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Thanksgiving for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

8:00 a.m.: Eduardo Geronimo, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Otto Lopez, INT

Tuesday

6:00 a.m.: Epifania Fuentes, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Arthur Lacerte, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Juan Padilla, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Rylee Sy Su, Birthday INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Rosita Reyes De Lacayo, RIP

Thursday

6:00 a.m.: Christina Cheung, Birthday INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Sheny Lopez, INT

Friday

6:00 a.m.: Avery Leigh Sia, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Elizabeth Cristina, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Juan Padilla, RIP

Saturday (Morning):

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community

8:00 a.m.: Freddy Grimm, 17th Birthday INT

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

Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

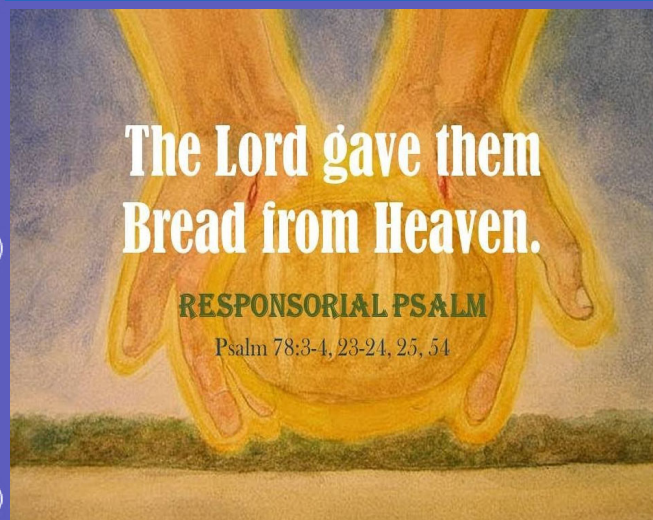
LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

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

"IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. JUAN DIEGO AND OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE," a Pilgrimage from **Sunday, December 8, to Friday, December 13, 2024...** Join us for this inspiring tour to Guadalupe, Mexico, and more! The chaplain will be Fr. Jan Lundberg and the fee is \$2125 double occupancy. To receive a detailed itinerary, call Beth Maddatu at 408-903-6305 or email her at maddatubeth2@gmail.com.

SEEKING ITEMS FOR THE CLOISTERED CARMELITE NUNS' AUXILIARY'S BOUTIQUE in October: Please take a look around your house (in drawers, cabinets, closets, etc.) for items you no longer use or display. These will be sold at the Fall Boutique for the benefit of our Nuns. We need items in good condition: decorative items, small appliances, jewelry, nice dishes, teapots. etc. **NO FURNITURE OR CLOTHING!!** (not a rummage sale). For more info and a drop-off location, please contact Rosemary Moreno at (626) 281-9211. Thank you!



The Lord gave them
Bread from Heaven.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

Ephesians 4:22-24

You were taught,
with regard to your former way of life,
to put off your old self,
which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;
to be made new in the attitude of your minds;
and to put on the new self,
created to be like God
in true righteousness and holiness.