

St. Therese Catholic Church



January 11, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org



*This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased.
-Matthew 3:17*

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

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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,

I pray that all of you had a blessed time with loved ones during the holy days that we have celebrated in recent weeks! And I wish you all a very Blessed and Happy New Year!

Still reflecting on these great mysteries of our faith, let us turn to **Pope Benedict XVI** to guide us into this New Year filled with faith and hope.

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD



“Jesus Christ Is Our Peace”

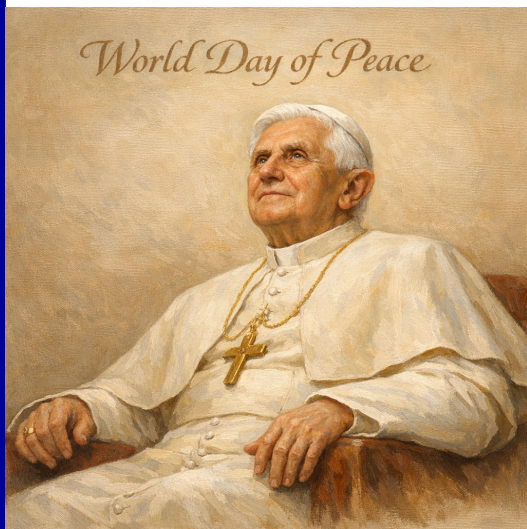
by Pope Benedict XVI



“At the beginning of a new year, the Christian people gather in spirit at the Grotto in Bethlehem, where the Virgin Mary gave birth to Jesus. We ask the Mother for her blessing, which she gives us by showing us the Son: indeed, He, in person, *is* the Blessing. In giving us Jesus, God has given us everything: His love, His life, the light of truth, the forgiveness of sins; He has given us peace. **Yes, Jesus Christ is our peace (Ephesians 2:14).** He brought into the world the seed of love and peace that is stronger than the seed of hatred and violence; stronger, because the Name of Jesus is superior to any other name. It contains the whole Lordship of God, as the Prophet Micah announced: ‘But you, O Bethlehem... from you shall come forth for me One who is to be ruler.... He shall stand and feed His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God.... And this shall be peace’ (5:1-4).

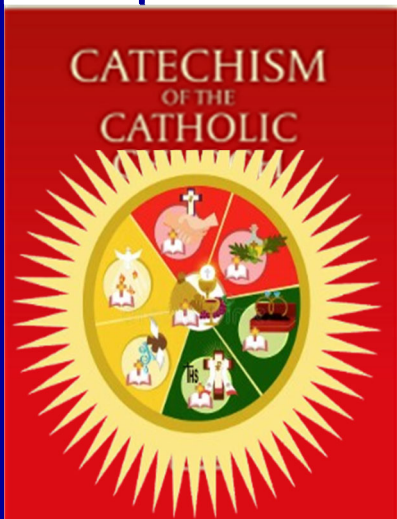
“This is why on this day, in front of the icon of the Virgin Mother, the Church invokes from God, through Jesus Christ, the gift of peace. World Day of Peace is a favorable opportunity to reflect together on the great challenges our epoch confronts humanity with. One such is religious freedom, dramatically urgent in our day. Today, we are witnessing two opposing trends, two extremes, both negative: on the one hand secularism, which marginalizes religion in order to confine it to the private sphere; and on the other, fundamentalism which, on the contrary, would like to impose it upon everyone by force.

“In reality, ‘God beckons humanity with a loving plan that, while engaging the whole person in his or her natural and spiritual dimensions, calls for a free and responsible answer which engages the whole heart and being, individual and communitarian’ (Message for World Day of Peace 2011, No. 8). Wherever religious freedom is effectively acknowledged, the dignity of the human person is respected at its root; and through a sincere search for the true and the good, the moral conscience and the institutions and civil coexistence themselves are strengthened (cf. *ibid.*, No. 5). Religious freedom is therefore a privileged path for building peace.



“Dear friends, let us once again turn our gaze to Jesus in the arms of Mary, His Mother. In looking at the One who is the ‘Prince of Peace’ (Isaiah 9:6), we understand that peace is not obtained with weapons or with the power of economics, politics, culture, or the media. Peace is achieved by consciences that are open to the truth and to love. May God help us to progress on this path in the New Year He is granting us to live.”

Fr. Stephen's Series of Classes on the Catechism of the Catholic Church



Fr. Stephen's next classes in this series will be held **THIS Tuesday, January 13**, and Tuesday, January 27—from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room (every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, unless otherwise notified).

These two classes will be on **Part II of the Catechism of the Catholic Church**, titled "**The Celebration of the Christian Mystery**." This section explains how God's saving work is made present and effective in the Church through the seven visible signs of grace called Sacraments. The specific focus for each of the two classes is as follows: **January 13: Paschal Mystery: The Key to Christian Worship**; and **January 27: The Seven Sacraments**.



Saint Therese Carmelite School

Faith ✠ Academics ✠ Virtue

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
House**
Sunday,
January 25
10 am—3 pm



1106 East Alhambra Road
Alhambra, California 91801

Shake, Rattle, and Roll is back!

January 17, 2026



Buy your tickets for this year's Shake, Rattle, and Roll!

Each ticket is \$75 (includes full course buffet dinner and dessert!)

New!

Admission includes one free child per one paid adult.

New!

Purchase your tickets at the school or parish offices, after select Masses, or call (626) 533-4839

Proceeds will benefit St. Therese Carmelite School.

Location: St. Therese Parish Hall

(626) 289-3364

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ROCK'N'ROLL

Admission includes one
free child's ticket per
one paid adult ticket.

Dance Party
Shake Rattle & Roll
Demand
**Saturday,
January 17, 2026
6:00 -11:00 p.m.**

Dinner will be from
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.



Tickets (\$75)
available in the
Parish and School
Offices OR after
select Masses OR
call (626) 533-4839

Family
Friendly!

All Proceeds Benefit
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Dinner and Dance

PLACE: St. Therese Parish Hall

COST: \$75 per person (a great Christmas gift!)

Delicious buffet style dinner included:

First course will be Caesar salad. Second course will be roast beef with brown gravy, mashed potatoes and sautéed vegetables. Sautéed chicken breast made with Marsala wine, mushrooms and sun dried tomatoes. Sautéed Atlantic salmon with lemon butter sauce with mashed potatoes and sautéed vegetables, penne pasta with vegetables and Alfredo sauce. Includes dessert: banana and coconut bread pudding with caramel sauce.

Special Guest

Elvis



"Let's Go to the Hop!"

Financial Offerings



January 3 / 4, 2026

Unrestricted..... \$37,981.00
Restricted \$ 2,205.00
T O T A L.....\$40,186.00

December 13 / 14 \$20,492.00
December 20 / 21 \$24,811.00
Christmas 2025 \$21,244.00
December 27 / 28 \$18,101.00

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ST THERESE MOVIE NIGHT

Featuring

THE SONG OF BERNADETTE

Starring Jennifer Jones

*The Story of
Our Lady
of Lourdes*

Saturday,
January 24
6:30 p.m.
Parish Hall

With Hot Dogs and More!

A Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass

Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 39: Incense—A Vision of Heaven



If you recall, in Revelation 5:8, St. John tells us the elders had “gold bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the holy ones.” In the other passage, Revelation 8:3–4, St. John describes an angel with a gold censer: “He was given a great quantity of incense to offer, along with the prayers of all the holy ones... The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God...” Whenever I pray with these passages, they paint such a vivid picture of the worship of God in Heaven. They remind me of one of my favorite truths about the Mass: united with the one sacrifice of Jesus, we are participating in the heavenly banquet.

Unity in Communion: St. John Chrysostom said that angels join around the altar at Mass and sing God’s praises. He says when Christians participate in the Eucharist, they are in Heaven, though not completely and perfectly. Blessed Angela of Foligno and St. Bridget of Sweden are others who experienced visions similar to what St. John Chrysostom describes. I am often energized by the realization that there are many souls joining in the sacrifice of praise, including those who have gone before us in faith.

A Foretaste of Heaven: Our Catechism teaches, “Participation in the Holy Sacrifice identifies us with [Christ’s] Heart, sustains our strength along the pilgrimage of this life, makes us long for eternal life, and unites us even now to the Church in Heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints” (CCC 1419). In Eucharistic Prayer I, we pray that we, “who through this participation at the altar receive the Most Holy Body and Blood of your Son, be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.”

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

DEUS VOCAT ST. VALENTINE'S COUPLES' 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, February 14, 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!

Mass Intentions

January 10—January 17, 2026

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Enrollees in our Christmas Flower Memorial Mass

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Pope Francis, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Goh and Cheah Families, INT

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Sarah Determan, INT

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Christine Ruth Soldate, RIP

5:00 pm: Esperanza Abril, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Juphil Sia, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Isaias Diokno, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Olga Zazueta, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Viviana Estrada, Birthday INT

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

6:00 a.m.: Jennifer N., Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Teresa Kim Xoa, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Gonzalez Family, INT

+7:15 p.m.: Rebecca Saucillo, Birthday INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Thomas Ferguson, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Mariano Aguilar, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Averyl Ann Sia, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Maria Donna Le, INT

8:00 a.m.: Birel Ann Sia, Birthday INT

Friday:

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

*7:30 am: Antonius Maringka, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Mariano Aguilar, RIP

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Joshua Brougher, 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

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! \$5299 each. Direct flight from LAX. For more info, please contact Albert and Mary Helen Estrada at (626) 533-4839.



PILGRIMAGE TO EASTERN EUROPE (Poland, Croatia, Medjugorje, etc.) with Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD, from September 3 to September 16, 2026, for \$5,450 per person. For more information, see the itinerary on the home page of our website or contact the Tour Leader, Beth Maddatu, by emailing her at maddatubeth2@gmail.com or calling 408-903-6305.

