

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in My Father and you are in Me and I in you" (John 14:18-20).

## 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. and 7:00 p.m.  
(Tuesday's evening Mass is in Spanish).

**Carmelite Nuns' Chapel:** 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

Note: the daily 8:00 a.m., the Monday evening 7:00 p.m.,  
and the Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses are all **LIVE**

**STREAMED** on Facebook AND YouTube)

**Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass**

**CONFESSIONS** (INSIDE & OUTSIDE)-**Wednesdays**  
from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.; **Saturdays** from 3:00 to 6:00 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. Thomas Koller, OCD X222

**Associate Pastor:** Fr. David Guzman, OCD X232

**In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD, Bro. Jason Parrott,  
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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page



## SACRAMENTS

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

# Letter from Fr. Thomas, Pastor

Blessed 6th Sunday of Easter, everyone!

With encouragement from today's First Reading and Gospel, where our Lord Jesus mentions the coming of the Holy Spirit in a new way—not only through Baptism but also through the laying on of hands (Confirmation, as well as intercessory prayer by others)—we want to begin preparing for Pentecost. The first Novena to the Holy Spirit 2000 years ago began the day after Ascension Thursday, when Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Promise of the Father and then, once they were clothed with Power, to then go out to Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

So, here are some references to the Holy Spirit from the Gospel of St. John, which should help you spend some time each day meditating on and starting a conversation with the Third Person of the Holy Trinity:

John [1:33](#); [3:6](#); [4:23-24](#); [6:63](#); [7:39](#); [14:17,26](#); [15:26](#); [16:7-11](#) (notice here especially the role of the Holy Spirit in helping each of us not to accept condemnation from anyone, since we are the Father's children AND since He Himself doesn't condemn anyone—only the enemy condemns! {[Romans 8:1!!](#)}); John [16:13](#); [19:30](#) (the first Pentecost/Outpouring of the Holy Spirit when Jesus died); and [20:22](#).

And, in case you want to pray the traditional Novena to the Holy Spirit, they will be available in English and Spanish at all the entrances to our church and in the office (prayed from May 19th through May 27; the Feast of the Ascension will be celebrated on Sunday, May 28).

Fraternally in Jesus and Mary and Joseph, —Fr. Thomas of the Trinity, OCD



## Happy Mother's Day!



We wish all our mothers (and mother figures) a happy and blessed day!



If you haven't already, pick up a Mother's Day Novena card today and enroll your mother (and aunts, sisters, daughters, etc.), both living and deceased, in our Novena of Masses (begins this Monday, May 15). If the cards are gone, you may still make an enrollment. Just use your own envelope and write the names of those you wish to enroll on it, enclose an offering, and drop it in the collection or bring it to the office (you may also drop it in the office mail slot).

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Amen.

# Eucharistic Adoration

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*"Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mark 14:37)*



"The Eucharist is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus. Eucharistic adoration is the most necessary mission to the Church, which has even more need of prayerful souls, than of powerful preachers or men of eloquence."

—St. Peter Julian Eymard, Apostle of the Eucharist

St. Pope John Paul II and Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration: On February 24, 1980, St. John Paul II issued the encyclical letter *Dominicae Cenae* (On the Mystery and Worship of the Eucharist). In that document he said of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration: "May our adoration never cease." On December 2, 1981, St. John Paul II began Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in a chapel in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. In his opening prayer, "Stay with us, Lord," the Pope urged all parishes to begin Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

**Be a Committed Adorer:** Make a commitment to spend an hour or more every week with Our Lord in our Adoration Chapel! Here's how: **1)** Go to <https://adorationpro.org/therese.ca>; **2)** Click "Weekly Commitment"; **3)** Find the desired day/hour, click "Sign Up," and fill out the form. You will receive an email or text reminder 24 hours before your committed time slot.

**Keys to the Chapel | Security:** If you have an electronic key and use the chapel after dark, please make sure you engage the lock when you enter so that the door cannot be opened without a key. Please do not let anyone whom you do not know follow you into the chapel if he/she doesn't have a key. This is an extremely important security issue.

## FR. BROOM'S TALKS ON THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Fr. Ed Broom will return to St. Therese Church to give talks on the **ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**.

**ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

**MAY 4, 11, 18 & 25**

4-WEEK PROGRAM

THURSDAYS  
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TALK: 7:15 PM  
GROUPS: 8:15 PM

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The remaining three talks are on **Thursday evenings, May 18, and 25**, beginning with Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by the talks at 7:15 p.m. each night

Small Groups will follow at 8:15 p.m.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!** To do so, send an email to [2023ActsTherese@gmail.com](mailto:2023ActsTherese@gmail.com).

## Retiro de Pentecostés

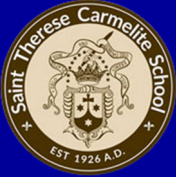
Comunidad con el Espíritu Santo



- 🌀 Día: Viernes 26 de Mayo
- 🌀 Punto de Reunion: Auditorio 4:00pm-9:00pm (Misa 7:00pm)
- 🌀 St. Therese Church @ 1100 E Alhambra Rd, Alhambra, CA 91801
- 🌀 Actividades: Lectura, Meditacion, Testimonios Pláticas sobre los dones del Espíritu Santo, Misa, Oracion.

Presentado por: Milicia de María y San Miguel





# Saint Therese Carmelite School

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## PHILOSOPHY OF SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

Saint Therese Carmelite School is first and foremost a Catholic school. We cultivate Catholic values and spiritual formation of the school community through daily prayer, weekly school Masses, recitation of the Rosary, praying the Stations of the Cross, the Sacraments, and the annual May Crowning. Carmelite spirituality is fostered through the teaching and example of the Carmelite friars and sisters. Every classroom has a Carmelite patron saint. We entrust our school to our Loving Savior, His Blessed Mother, our patroness Saint Therese of Lisieux and all the Carmelite saints. By teaching our students to imitate the virtues and lives of the saints, we aim to form students who fulfill their destiny of becoming saints.

Saint Therese Carmelite School educates students through the Catholic classical model of education to equip them with the logic, critical thinking, and language skills necessary to succeed throughout their lives. We seek to give students the necessary tools of learning and to foster a deep sense of wonder and love for all that is genuinely true, good, and beautiful. We emphasize classical learning, not only, because we want our students to read well, speak well, and think well, but ultimately because truth, beauty and goodness are desirable in themselves and for their own sake.

We seek to incorporate within our students the wisdom of two thousand years of Catholic thought, history, culture, and the arts so that they might understand themselves and their world in the light of that Truth, and acquire the character to live happy and integrated lives in the service of God and others. Education in this deep and comprehensive sense extends beyond the classroom and is more than just the acquisition of skills. It encompasses the whole of one's life. Because parents are the primary educators of their children, Saint Therese Carmelite School seeks to involve families ever more deeply in the life of the school and in the education of their children.

## Spring Concert



Everyone is invited to Saint Therese Carmelite School's annual Spring Concert!

It will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday, May 25, at 6:30 p.m. The students will be performing songs from Disney musicals as well as songs by the Beach Boys. Refreshments will be available after the concert. **DON'T MISS IT!**

## Open Enrollment

We are now accepting applications for Grades TK through 8th. Call the School for a tour! (See the contact info at the bottom of this page.)



Congratulations to our boys relay team on placing 3rd in the Track and Field Finals last weekend. A big thank you to Coach Escobedo for volunteering to coach.

## Spanglish Kitchen

A BIG thank you to Spanglish Kitchen for sponsoring our "Grandparents and Special Friends Day." Help us thank them by trying their delicious food. They're located at the southeast corner of Alhambra Road and Garfield Avenue.



# Mother's Day Baby Bottle Drive



**GPS-Guadalupe Pregnancy Services' annual Mother's Day Baby Bottle & Baby Shower is going on now!**

Last weekend, the baby bottles were distributed after the Masses. On **Saturday, May 27, and Sunday, May 28**, you are asked to bring them with you when you come to Mass. That gives you two more weeks to fill them with cash, checks, and coins. On that weekend, the filled Baby Bottles will be collected by GPS volunteers outside the church at all the Masses.

**GPS is also collecting Baby Shower Gifts for baby and moms.** A Pac n' Play crib will be available both weekends to place your donations of the following baby items: blankets, diapers (sizes newborn, 5 & 6), sippy cups, baby bottles, pacifiers, bibs, socks, teething toys, hard cover books, new clothes (sizes newborn to size 3T (boys/girls), toiletries; shampoo, lotion, powder, etc., and other baby essentials.

Donations of essentials for moms will also be collected in the crib: feminine hygiene products, gently used or new maternity clothes, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.

**Thank you for helping with this important Prolife Outreach!**



# In Sympathy

Fr. Albert Bunsic's sister-in-law, Margaret R. Bunsic, passed away peacefully at the age of 85 on May 3rd. Margaret was married to Fr. Albert's twin brother, Fred Bunsic, for over 66 years. Please pray for the repose of her soul. If you'd like to send a card to Fr. Albert or to his brother Fred, mail it to 510 North El Molino Street, Alhambra 91801.



Fred & Margaret Bunsic

# The Real St. Therese

On August 30, 1897, after a visit from Dr. Francis La Neele, who had spoken harshly to Mother Marie de Gonzague, the latter "created a scene, lost her patience, and railed out against the whole Martin family, including Therese, but Therese remained calm." But that does not mean that the pain and the humiliation, which were often manifested by tears, were wiped out. Even though she had been a model of patience, she now uttered this cry: "Little sisters, pray for this poor sick nun who is dying. If only you knew how little it takes to lose one's patience. I would not have believed this before." One



An installment from *The Passion of Thérèse of Lisieux* by Guy Faucher

evening, when she was running a very high temperature, a sister came and asked her immediate assistance with a painting. Mother Agnes (Pauline) saw her sister's struggle. That same evening, Therese wrote her the following note: "Your little girl has been shedding more

tears. Ah! this evening I showed my virtue, my TREASURES of patience! And I, who am so good at preaching to others, am glad you saw my imperfection."

During her last illness, there were plenty of occasions when she might well have been annoyed or impatient. But she hardly ever showed it. If she did, she admitted her weakness and asked the person concerned to forgive her and pray for her. However, her interior sufferings were even more painful.

**Continues next week, space permitting.**

# "God Reward You..."

Dear Parishioners,

Mother Brenda Marie and all of the nuns in the **Carmel of St. Teresa** wish to thank you. Mother says, **"God reward you for your overwhelming abundance of donations!!!"**

Your generosity is helping them to buy food, pay their bills, and maintain their beautiful Monastery. As members of the auxiliary board which supports the nuns, I can tell you that your help is of inestimable value and is greatly appreciated by us.

Prayerfully,  
Kathy Nally, Past President | Parishioner



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**"Our Lady of Guadalupe" apron!**

The winning ticket will be drawn at the end of today's 11:00 Mass. **Tickets are just \$3 per ticket, \$5 for two tickets, OR \$10 for five tickets.** All



proceeds will go towards the support St. Therese Church. Get your **tickets from the "gift shop"** in the main vestibule of the church **after the Saturday 5:00 pm or Sunday 7:30 or 9:00 a.m. Masses.**

# FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you for giving from your heart! Below you will find the total collection for last weekend, as well as for the previous four weekends. Note: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH for our School.



May 6 / 7, 2023

Unrestricted.....	\$15,829.00
Restricted .....	\$ 400.00
<b>T O T A L.....</b>	<b>\$16,229.00</b>

April 8 / 9 .....	\$27,259.00
April 15 / 16 .....	\$25,296.00
April 22 / 23 .....	\$15,808.00
April 29 / 30 .....	\$13,752.00

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

# Mass Intentions

May 13—May 20, 2023

Saturday Evening:

8:15 p.m.: Linda Detardo, RIP

Sunday:

\*7:30 a.m.: (Carm): Sergio A. Rodriguez, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Matilde A. Gonzalez, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Ambrocio D. Ballesteros, INT

1:00 p.m.: Ursulina Aquino, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Sergio A. Rodriguez, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 1

\*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Rose M. Sciaraffa, RIP

7:00 p.m.: Louise Jamila Sunga, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Ellena Cheah Wong, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 2

7:00 p.m.: Maria Teresa Janet Nguyen, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Maria Teresa Janet Nguyen, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Suffering Souls in Purgatory

7:00 p.m.: Mother's Day Novena 3

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 4

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

8:00 a.m.: Leah Sia-Ferrer, Birthday Intention

7:00 p.m.: All Souls in Purgatory

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 5

\*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Cecilia, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Jessica Arakawa, INT

7:00 p.m.: Jimmy Doria, RIP

Saturday Morning:

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

8:00 a.m.: Ellena Cheah Wong, INT

**\*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel. The Carmel's Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays and holidays.**

**LIVE STREAMED MASSES:**

The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the 7:00 p.m. Monday evening Mass are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube. Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

# Quiet Listening Prayer

## *The Interior Castle: The Fourth Mansion By St. Teresa of Avila*



"In order to begin to speak of the fourth dwelling places, I really need to entrust myself, as I've already done, to the Holy Spirit and beg Him to speak for me from here on, that I may say something about the remaining rooms in a way that you will understand. For supernatural experiences begin here. These are something most difficult to explain. ...Since these dwelling places now are closer to where the King is, their beauty is great. There are things to see and understand so delicate that the intellect is incapable of finding words to explain them, although something might turn out to be well put and not at all obscure to the inexperienced; and anyone who has experience, especially when there is a lot of it, will understand very well. It will seem that to reach these dwelling places, one will have had to live in the others a long while. Although it is usual that a person will have to have stayed in those already spoken about, there is no certain rule, as you will have often heard. For the Lord gives when He desires, as He desires, and to whom He desires. Since these blessings belong to Him, He does no injustice to anyone (1, 1-2).

## Outside the Parish

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT JUNE 13-21, 2023, WITH FR. HUY NGUYEN:** From the beautiful dream of Mother Angelica to the beautiful Shrine in Hanceville, Alabama!. Experience the Pope St. John Paul II Eucharistic Museum, procession to the Lourdes Grotto, spiritual talks by the Friars, Healing Service, with a visit to EWTN and so much more. **For more info contact Albert and Mary Helen Estrada at (626) 533-4839. ONLY 6 spots still open!**

Come join the **Carmelite Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of St. Therese of Lisieux & St. Elizabeth of the Trinity,"** from **Sept 28-Oct 11**, incl Paris, Lourdes, Ars, etc. Chaplains are **Fr. Mark Kissner, OCD, and Fr. Joseph Mary Tran, OCD.** Contact Beth Maddatu at (408) 903-6305 | maddatubeth2@gmail.com.

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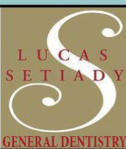
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