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St. Therese Catholic Church



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The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of Heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God. It had a massive high wall, with twelve gates where twelve angels were stationed and on which were inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites. The wall of the city had twelve courses of stones as its foundation, on which were inscribed the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.
-Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23



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



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, Thank you to all who made Saturday, May 17, a memorable Centennial of St. Therese's canonization! We had a lovely morning of recollection at the Parish, and the evening's Pasadena Eucharistic Procession was a huge success! Organizers counted around 2,800 people in total, and St. Therese was well-represented with well over 200 of those people! It was a very inspiring night, and the Archbishop walked with us the whole way! **Thank you to all those parishioners who made this happen, especially Deacon Rex Owens!** Now, let us conclude with the **final stanzas from St. Therese's poem to Our Lady, *Why I Love you, O Mary!*** —Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.

WHY I LOVE YOU, O MARY! May 1897 (Part 4 – Stanzas 16-25)

16. Since the King of Heaven wanted his Mother
Plunged into the night, into the anguish of the heart;
Mary, is it therefore good to suffer on earth? Yes, to
suffer while loving, it is the purest happiness!
Everything He gave me, Jesus can take it back. Tell Him
never to bother with me. He may well be hiding, I
agree to wait for Him Until the day without sunset
when my faith will be extinguished....

17. I know that in Nazareth, Mother full of graces,
You live very poor, wanting nothing more,
No raptures, miracles or ecstasies
Embellish your life, O Queen of the Chosen!
The number of little ones is great on earth.
They can raise their eyes to you without trembling.
It is by the common way, incomparable Mother,
That you like to walk to guide them to Heaven.

18. Waiting for Heaven, O my dear Mother, I want to
live with you, follow you every day, Mother.
Contemplating you, I immerse myself with delight,
Discovering in your heart abysses of love.
Your maternal gaze banishes all my fears.
It teaches me to cry, it teaches me to rejoice.
Instead of despising the pure and holy joys,
You want to share them, you deign to bless them.

19. Seeing the concern of the newlyweds of Cana that
they can't hide, because they're running out of wine,
To the Savior you tell it in your solicitude, hoping for
help from His divine power. Jesus seems at first to push
back your prayer. "What does it matter," He replies,
"Woman, to you and to me?" But He calls you His
Mother and He works His first miracle for you.

20. A day that sinners are listening to the teaching
Of Him who would like to receive them in Heaven,
I find you with them, Mary, on the hill. Someone
tells Jesus that you would like to see Him, So your
Divine Son in front of the whole crowd, of His
love for us shows the immensity and said,
"Who is my brother and my sister and
my Mother, if not he who does my will?"

21. O Immaculate Virgin, the most tender of
mothers, Listening to Jesus, you don't get sad but
you rejoice that He makes us understand that our
souls become His family here below. Yes, you
rejoice that He gives us His life, the infinite treasures
of His divinity! How not to love you, oh my dear
Mother, seeing so much love and so much humility?

22. You love us, Mary, as Jesus loves us,
And you consent for us to distance you from Him.
To love is to give everything and to give oneself.
You wanted to prove it by remaining our support.
The Savior knew your immense tenderness.
He knew the secrets of your maternal heart.
Refuge of sinners, it is to you that He leaves us
When He leaves the Cross to wait for us in Heaven.

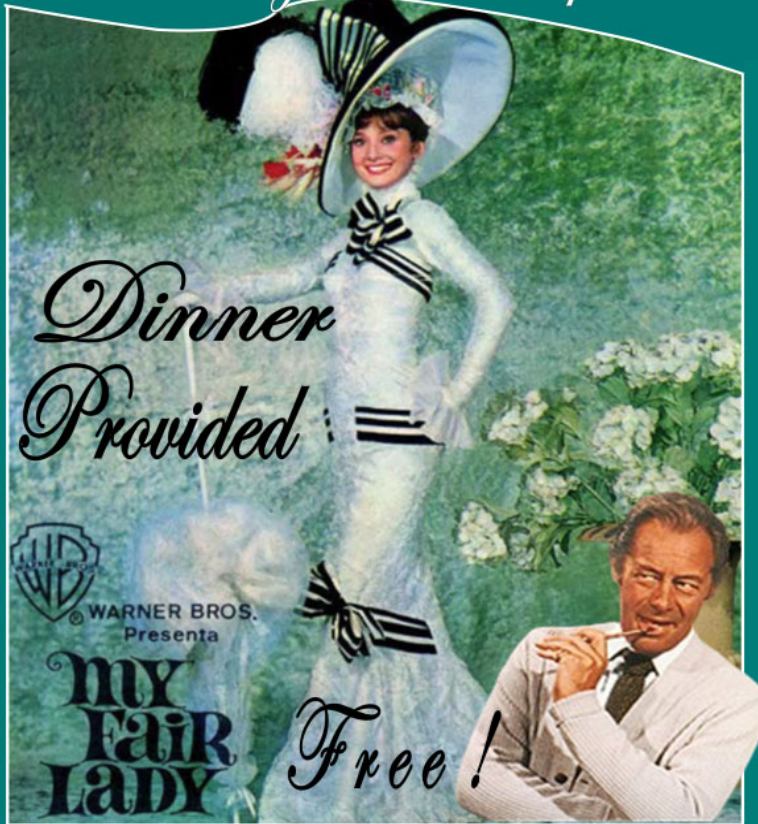
23. Mary, you appear to me at the top of Calvary
Standing by the cross, like a priest at the altar,
Offering to appease the justice of the Father,
Your beloved Jesus, sweet Emmanuel. A prophet
said so, O desolate Mother, "There is no pain like
your pain!" O Queen of Martyrs, remaining in exile,
You lavish on us all the blood of your Heart!

24. The house of Saint John becomes your only
asylum. The son of Zebedee is to replace Jesus.
This is the last detail that the Gospel gives
of the Queen of Heaven. It no longer speaks
to me, but His deep silence, oh my dear Mother,
does it not reveal that the Eternal Word
wants Himself to sing the secrets of your life,
To charm your children, all the Elect of Heaven?

25. Soon I will hear this sweet harmony, soon in the
beautiful Heaven, I'll go to see you who came to
smile at me in the morning of my life. Come and
smile at me again, Mother. It is the evening now!
I no longer fear the brilliance of your supreme
glory. With you I suffered and now I want to sing
on your lap, Mary, about why I love you,
And say forever that I am your child!
Little Therese

Parish Movie Night!

Sat., May 31, 7:00 p.m.



Fr. Peter Mary invites **EVERYONE** to our next Movie Night on our outdoor Big Screen! It will be next **Saturday, May 31, beginning at 7:00 p.m.** The Knights and other ministries will provide food for **dinner**. Our feature will be the classic family favorite, ***My Fair Lady***, with Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison. **Free!**

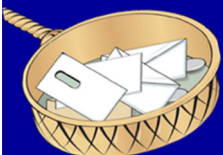
FREE "MEDICARE INFO" MEETING

On **Thursday, June 5, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**, Jim Aust, a volunteer and parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, will present an informational session about **Medicare in 2025**, your choices, and what counseling resources are available. The presentation will be held in the **Parish Meeting Room** (upstairs in the Parish Center). If you are on Medicare, or soon to be, it's good to think about your Medicare secondary health and/or prescription drug insurance plans. Plans change every year, so it's important to review them so that you keep yourself in the best coverage at the lowest price. **Note:**

This is **not** a sales pitch for insurance companies or plans; **there is no fee**. It is open to anyone, including family members. **Please register prior to June 2 at <https://forms.gle/2Ufp4vRuMKMrEhts6> or email Deacon Rex at deaconrex@outlook.com.**



Financial Offerings



May 17 / 18, 2025

Unrestricted..... \$12,182.00
 Restricted \$ 340.00
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 April 26 / 27 \$18,384.00
 May 3 / 4 \$17,936.00
 May 10 / 11 \$20,596.00

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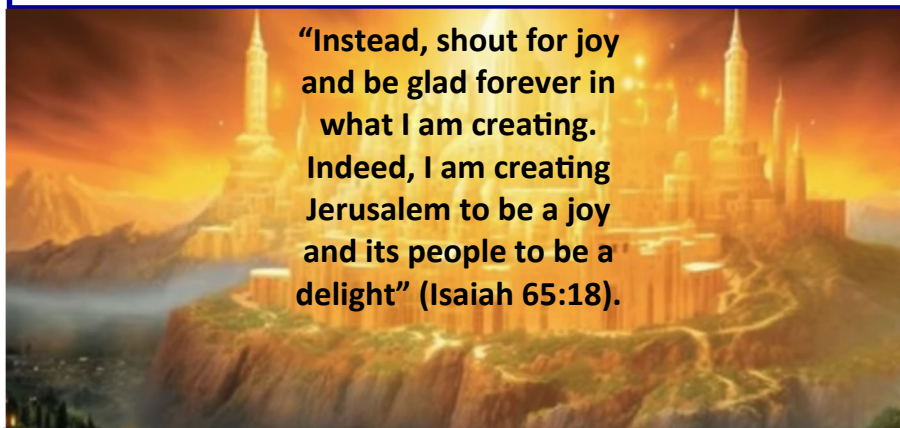
"The Call of God" Session Three



THE CALL OF GOD SERIES

Is God calling you?

Join us in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, June 3, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., for the third session in this series. As usual, there will be testimonies, fellowship, and light snacks. See YOU there!



"Instead, shout for joy and be glad forever in what I am creating. Indeed, I am creating Jerusalem to be a joy and its people to be a delight" (Isaiah 65:18).

Safeguard the Children

DID YOU KNOW? Age-appropriate curiosity in school-aged children: Last week, we covered young children and their natural curiosity about their bodies. This week, we explore natural curiosity behaviors in school-aged children (around 7-12 years old). It's important to understand the difference between appropriate and inappropriate, as inappropriate behaviors could be a sign of abuse. Common curiosity at this age includes playing games with same-aged friends like "family" or "dating," or wanting privacy. Children at these ages may also begin to take an interest in members of the opposite sex and ask questions about relationships. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article, "Differentiating age-appropriate curiosity from harmful sexual behavior" at www.lacatholic.org/did-you-know/



"The Mystery of the Church" Classes With Fr. Stephen



FINAL CLASS FOR 2024-2025 YEAR!

Fr. Steve's LAST CLASS for this academic year will be THIS Tuesday, May 27, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room (upstairs in the Parish Center). The topic will be **THE CHURCH AND MARY**.

Fr. Stephen ends this year's course on the Mystery of the Church by returning to Mary, Mother of the Church, who exemplifies the Church in her fidelity to her Son Jesus Christ.

"The Catholic Church, taught by the Holy Spirit, honors Mary with filial affection and devotion as a most beloved mother."

Please join us for this last class to better understand and appreciate the Church's profound veneration of the blessed Virgin Mary.

This class will be a good way to prepare for Pentecost.

Cloistered Carmelite Nuns Auxiliary Fundraiser

Ice Cream Sunday Funday!!!



HANDEL'S ICE CREAM TRUCK

Sunday, June 8, 2025

10:00am – 1:00pm

St. Therese Parish parking lot

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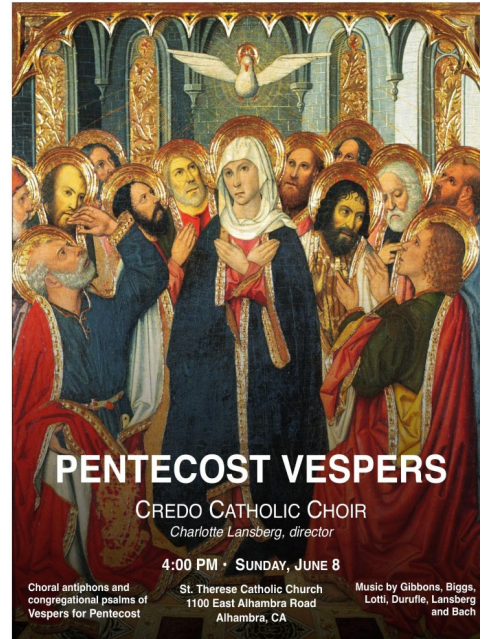


PENTECOST VESPERS

Join the
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friars and
Credo
Catholic
Choir for
solemn sung
Vespers on
the **Feast of
Pentecost
Sunday,**
**June 8, at
4:00 p.m.**

The Vesper
psalms and
canticles will
be sung by

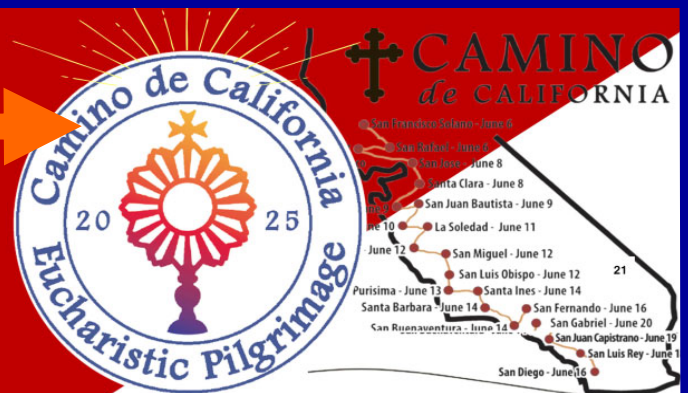
the choir and congregation, and the antiphons,
Magnificat, and Pater Noster will be performed
by the choir. Programs will be provided for the
congregation to participate.



WELCOME THE CAMINO PILGRIMS ON JUNE 22!

The Camino de California Eucharistic Pilgrims—at the end of their journey of traveling with the Blessed Sacrament to all 21 California missions—will be St. Therese's guests at our 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 22, the Feast of Corpus Christi. Following the Mass, there will be an outdoor Eucharistic Procession, and then a Pancake Breakfast in the Hall.

This Pancake Breakfast is free to not only the pilgrims but also to ALL who attend Mass that morning at either the 7:30, 9:00, or 11:00 a.m. Masses.



This summer Camino de California Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be traveling with the Blessed Sacrament as they visit all 21 historic missions throughout the State of California. The Camino de California is an independently organized effort, distinct from the National Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage.

On Saturday, June 21, they will visit San Gabriel Mission and Sacred Heart Retreat House. The next day, Sunday, June 22, the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), they will attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese, followed by an outdoor Eucharistic Procession and then by a Pancake Breakfast in the Hall.

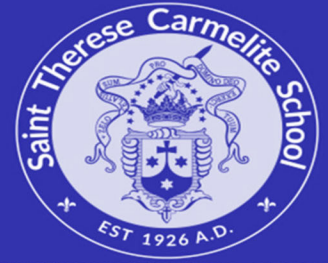
This FREE Pancake Breakfast will be sponsored by the Alhambra Knights of Columbus in honor of the pilgrims. All Parishioners may attend after any of our morning Masses (7:30, 9:00, and 11:00).



FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THE PILGRIMAGE,
GO TO: <https://www.caminodecalifornia.org/>

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FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Mark your calendar for our next First Saturday Devotion on June 7, 2025! Join us for the Rosary and a 15-minutes meditation after the 8:00 a.m. Mass!

Pope Benedict XVI (April 16, 1927– December 31, 2022; Papacy of eight years {2005 – 2013})

May 11, 2010: Pope Benedict XVI, on his pilgrimage to Portugal, stunned the press and the Catholic world by saying that the Third Secret of Fatima tells us that “not only from the outside come the attacks against the Pope and the Church, but the sufferings of the Church come from right *inside* the Church, from the sin that resides inside the Church... we see this today really in a terrifying way: the greatest persecution against the Church doesn't come from its enemies outside, but starts from the sins within the Church.”

May 13, 2010: Before 500,000 pilgrims, the Pope proclaimed (in reference to the Third Secret): “Whoever thinks that the prophetic mission of Fatima is concluded deceives himself.”

“Prophecies” and “prophetic mission” are two separate things. The “prophetic mission” of Fátima is to continue serving as a light to the world. This light points all men toward God, away from sin and error, encouraging men to do penance and amend their lives. Pope Benedict was correct: in a world still so much in need of knowing, loving, and serving God, we would be mistaken to think that Fátima’s prophetic mission is complete.



Mass Intentions

May 24—May 31, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Eric Escobedo, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 am: Hardy Family, INT

7:30 a.m.: Pastoral Mission of St. Therese

9:00 a.m.: Victor Valenzuela, INT

11 a.m.: Leo Henry Tittmann, 13th Bday INT

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Ursulina Aquino, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Ofelia Ocampo, RIP

*7:30 am: Darren Huang | Michelle Heo, INT

8:00 a.m.: Augustin Juarez, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Ofelia Ocampo, RIP

Tuesday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Nikolas Cruz, INT

8:00 a.m.: Augustin Juarez, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Rosauero Ocampo, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Basilisa Lao, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Breana Ascencio, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: George Abuede, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Salvador Ramos, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Samuel Sandoval, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Lucas Liam Revelo, B-Day INT

7:30 am: Ronaldo Cuarto, RIP (Death Anniv)

8:00 a.m.: Karina Laigo, INT

Saturday Morning

7:30 a.m.: Cloistered Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Enrica Yan, INT

*Held at the Cloistered
Carmelite Chapel (215 East
Alhambra Road, Alhambra).
Open to the public except on

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

"JUBILEE OF HOPE" PILGRIMAGE TO ALABAMA! SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT AND EWTN, home of Mother Angelica, July 15-23, 2025, with Fr. Huy Nguyen. Daily Mass with the Poor Claire cloistered nuns, a healing service and spiritual talks by the Franciscan friars, a visit to the Pope St. John Paul II Eucharistic Museum, a rosary procession to a replica of Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto and the Stations of the Eucharist. We'll attend a world-wide televised Mass at EWTN and so much more! Enjoy peace and tranquility along with fun, fellowship, and great southern hospitality. For more info please contact Albert and Mary Helen Estrada: (626) 533-4839. Limited spots available.

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE, AND ITALY with Fr. Julius Ntalo, OCD: Join this 14-day pilgrimage from July 11 to 24, 2025, to all four countries listed in the title. For more info and to receive an itinerary, contact ABM Tours at 310-514-3323 or 408-903-6305 or maddatubeth2@gmail.com. See more info at abmtours.com.

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE (JUBILEE 2025) TO ITALY - Rome, Naples & Florence - AUGUST 25 - SEPTEMBER 2—Roundtrip non-stop flight from LA to Rome on Norse Atlantic Airways in Premium Classic, six nights at well-located historic and comfortable city-center accommodations with private bath and AC. Daily Holy Mass, breakfast & dinner. \$4280 (double rm. occupancy) from LAX / +\$395 single room supplement. For itinerary, contact: Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186 or call Sacred Heart Tours at 1-845-594-2222 (P.O. Box 384 - Burton, TX 77835).

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