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Martha said to Him, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do the serving? Tell her to help me." He replied, "Martha, Martha, there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her" (Luke 10:40-42).

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

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- 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 hope you had a blessed Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel last Wednesday!

Let us continue with Part Two of St. Therese's letter to her "adopted" missionary, Fr. Roulland.

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD

Letter to Father Adolphe Roulland, May 9, 1897 (Letter 226) – Part Two



Fr. Adolphe Roulland
Oct 13, 1870 – June 12, 1934

That, my Brother, is what I think of the justice of the good God. My way is entirely one of trust and love; I do not understand the souls who are afraid of such a tender Friend. Sometimes when I read certain spiritual treatises in which perfection is shown through a thousand obstacles, surrounded by a host of illusions, my poor mind gets tired very quickly, I close the learned book which breaks my head and dries up my heart and I take the Holy Scripture. So everything seems luminous to me, a single word reveals infinite horizons to my soul, perfection seems easy to me. I see that it suffices to recognize one's nothingness and to abandon oneself like a child in the arms of the Good Lord. Leaving to great souls, to great minds, the beautiful books that I cannot understand, let alone put into practice, I rejoice in being little since only children and those who look like them will be admitted to the celestial banquet.

I am very happy that there are several mansions in the Kingdom of God, because if there were only the one whose description and path seem incomprehensible to me, I could not enter it. I would like, however, not to be too far from your residence; in consideration of your merits, I hope that the good Lord will give

me the grace to participate in your glory, just as on earth the sister of a conqueror, even if she were deprived of the gifts of nature, participates despite her poverty, to the honors rendered to her brother.

The first act of your ministry in China seemed delightful to me. The little soul whose mortal remains you blessed was indeed to smile upon you and promise her protection to you and yours. How I thank you for counting me among them! I am also deeply touched and grateful for the memory you have at Holy Mass for my dear parents. I hope they are now in possession of Heaven, towards which all their actions and desires were directed; that does not prevent me from praying for them, because it seems to me that blessed souls receive great glory from the prayers which are made for them and which they can dispose of for other suffering souls.

If, as I believe, my father and my mother are in Heaven, they must look upon and bless the brother whom Jesus gave me. They had so longed for a missionary son! ...I was told that before I was born, my parents hoped that their wish would finally come true. If they could have penetrated the veil of the future, they would have seen that it was indeed through me that their desire would be accomplished; since a missionary has become my brother. He is also their son, and in their prayers they cannot separate the brother from his unworthy sister.

You pray, my Brother, for my parents who are in Heaven; I often pray for yours who are still on earth. It is for me a very sweet obligation, and I promise you to be always faithful to fulfill it, even if I leave exile and then even more perhaps, since I will know better the graces that will be necessary for them. Then, when their race here below is finished, I will come to seek them in your name and will introduce them to Heaven. How sweet will be the family life we will enjoy for all eternity! While waiting for this blessed eternity, which in a short time will open up for us, since life is only a day, let us work together for the salvation of souls. I can do very little, or rather absolutely nothing if I were alone; what consoles me is to think that by your side I can be of some use. Indeed, the zero by itself has no value, but placed near unity it becomes powerful, provided however that it puts itself on the right side, after and not before!... That's just where Jesus placed me and I hope to remain there always, following you from afar, through prayer and sacrifice.

If I listened to my heart I wouldn't finish my letter today, but the end of the silence is about to ring, and I have to take my letter to our good Mother who is waiting for it. So, I beg you, my brother, to kindly send your blessing to the little zero that the Good Lord has placed near you.

-Sr. Therese of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face



St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Register Now for Religious Education!

Sacramental and Non-Sacramental Programs for the 2025-2026 Year



Celebrate Religious Education

Sacramental Programs: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance

Non-Sacramental Programs: Learn Scripture through the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Rosary

Programs:

1. OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) - one-year program
2. Confirmation for High School Students (two-year program)
3. Holy Eucharist for Students 7 years and up (two-year program)
4. Non-Sacramental Religious Education for children



Important Notes:

The schedule for these programs is online; classes begin the first week of September.

First- and Second-Year Registration required for Children's Holy Eucharist Program (if necessary, will include baptism during the first year).

First- and Second-year registration required for High School Confirmation Program (if necessary, will include baptism and First Communion during the first year).

Visit the Church website for online registration and downloadable registration forms (your choice):

CHURCH WEBSITE: <https://www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org/>

RELIGIOUS ED INFO PAGE: <https://www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org/>

I now rejoice in my sufferings on your behalf and
fill up on my part that which is lacking of the
afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His Body,
which is the church.

Col. 1:24

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Some of the Curated Events are:

- Pre-matched Speed Dating on July 26, 2025
- Cooking Classes led by a chef
- Seasonal Themed Parties
- Learning Sessions (How-to's): Cigar Rolling, Beer Making, etc.
- Volunteering together such as building bikes for kids for Christmas
- Private Movie Theater Nights
- Private Museums Tours and Talks

Next Event Speed Dating

Saturday, July 26

2:00 to 5:00 p.m.: 40s and 50's

7:00 to 10:00 p.m.: 20s and 30's

(Age exceptions will be made)

LOCATION:

Pasadena, California

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Founded in 2025, Errow's dating service was created by Catholics for Catholics. It is committed to Catholic social teaching, dignity of the person, and the beauty of vocation. Errow has gained traction with the endorsement of parish pastors, young adult ministries, and Catholic non-profits and businesses. Its goal is to cultivate authentic relationships rooted in shared faith, purpose, and sacramental love.

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-Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD
Pastor of St. Therese Catholic Church Alhambra, California

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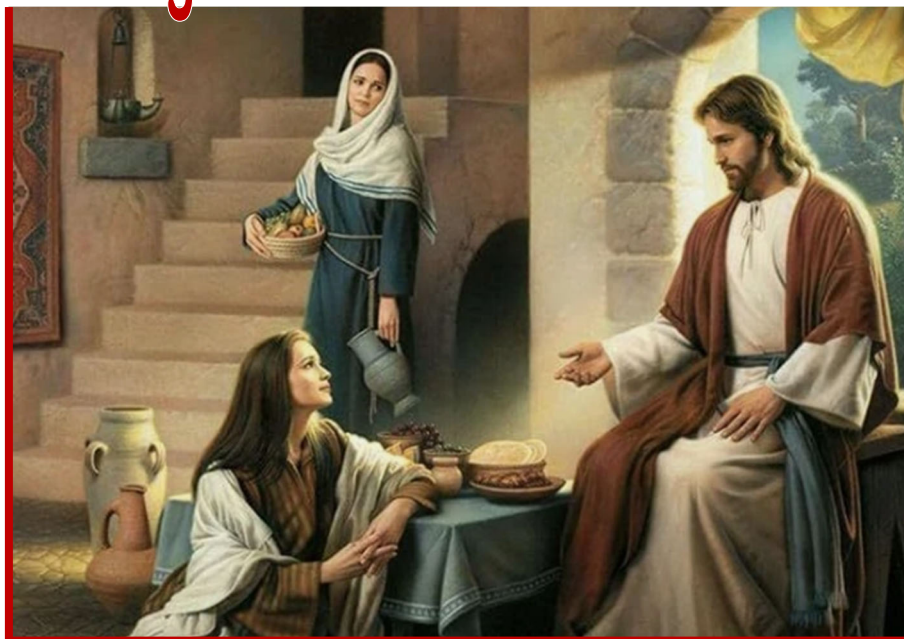
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The Better Part: Welcoming God in our Hearts and Homes

Today's Sunday's readings offer us a profound meditation on hospitality—not just toward others, but toward God Himself. In the first reading (Genesis 18:1-20), Abraham welcomes three mysterious visitors under the oak of Mamre. Though he does not yet know their divine identity, he offers them rest, food, and shelter. His generous hospitality becomes the stage upon which God reveals His promise: that Sarah would bear a son. Abraham's openness of heart becomes the door through which God's blessing enters.



Psalm 15 echoes this spirit of righteousness and integrity: "Who shall dwell on your holy mountain?" The one who speaks truth, acts justly, and honors God's ways. These are not just outward actions but signs of a soul that is hospitable to the Lord—someone who makes a home for God within.

In the Gospel (Luke 10:38-42), we are brought into the home of Martha and Mary. Martha, ever active and anxious, busies herself with many things—noble tasks, but ones that distract from the Presence in her midst. Mary, by contrast, chooses "the better part" by sitting at Jesus' feet and listening.

Safeguard the Children

DID YOU KNOW? Safe environment tips: Everyone that works and interacts with children should have clear boundaries in place. This can include rules like: staying in public view and avoiding isolated one-on-one situations with children and ensuring that two or more adults are always paired together to work with children, as well as other guidelines on appropriate physical contact. For the Archdiocese of

Los Angeles's guidelines on how to interact with minors at our parishes, schools and ministries please visit <https://lacatholics.org/policies-and-procedures/>, and for more tips read the VIRTUS® article "When Boundaries Abound, Our Lives Can Flourish" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



listening. Jesus' gentle correction reminds us that our service is most fruitful when it flows from a heart first centered on Him. Like Abraham, Mary welcomes God not just into her house, but into her attention and affection.

St. Paul, writing in Colossians (1:24-28), speaks of the mystery hidden for ages: "Christ in you, the hope of glory." This is the ultimate form of hospitality—not simply welcoming God into our homes or our churches, but into the very core of our lives. When Christ dwells in us, we become, as Paul says, "mature in Christ," capable of enduring suffering and proclaiming Him with joy.

As we reflect on these Scriptures, may we learn to welcome the Lord with Abraham's generosity, Mary's attentiveness, and Paul's devotion. **Whether in prayer, action, or rest, may our hearts become living sanctuaries for His presence.**

A Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass



Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 32: The Parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist

Every part of the Mass has a background and a significant meaning. There are special cloths, shiny chalices, candles, bread, wine, and water—among many other things. All of them will serve a purpose, and with the words of Christ, the bread and wine will become Christ Himself—His true Body and Blood—His true Presence with us!

As the General Instruction for the Roman Missal teaches, “At the Last Supper, Christ instituted the Paschal Sacrifice and Banquet, by which the Sacrifice of the Cross is continuously made present in the Church whenever the Priest, representing Christ the Lord, carries out what the Lord Himself did and handed over to His disciples to be done in His memory. For Christ took the bread and the chalice and gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to His disciples, saying, ‘Take, eat, and drink: this is My Body... this is the chalice of my Blood... Do this in memory of Me.’ Hence, the Church has arranged the entire celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist in parts, corresponding precisely to these words and actions of Christ, namely:

“At the Preparation of the Gifts, the bread and the wine with water are brought to the altar... In the Eucharistic Prayer, thanks is given to God for the whole work of salvation, and the offerings become the Body and Blood of Christ. Through the fraction (the breaking of the bread by the priest) and through Communion, the faithful, though many, receive from the one Bread the Lord’s Body and from the one Chalice the Lord’s Blood, in the same way the Apostles received them from the hands of Christ Himself” (GIRM, 72).

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



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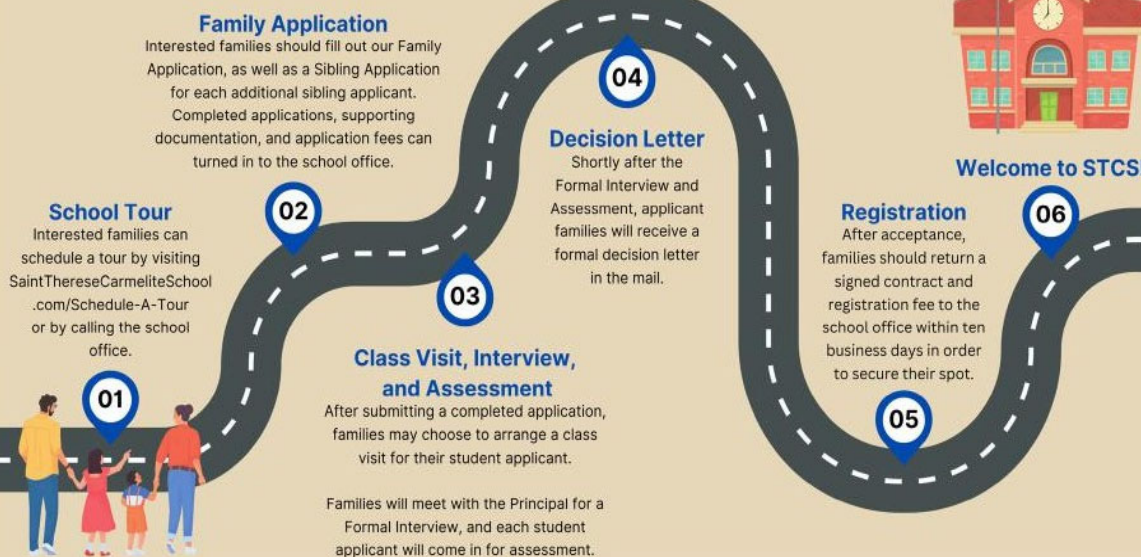
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Mass Intentions

July 19—July 26, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Zeferina Gomez, RIP

Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Shirley Sullivan, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Aurelio Gomez, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): David Steele, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mary Anne Losorelli, B-day INT

8:00 a.m.: Lillian Wood, INT

7:15 p.m.: Felicitas Gomez, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Maria, OCD, INT

8:00 am: Elizabeth Sen, Birthday INT

7:15 p.m.: Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Delia Johnson, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

7:30 am: Teresita Buenaente, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Fred Bunsic, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: James Grimm, 22nd B-day INT

Saturday Morning

7:30 a.m.: Alhambra Cloistered Nuns

8:00 a.m.: Takashi Asayama, RIP

*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"!

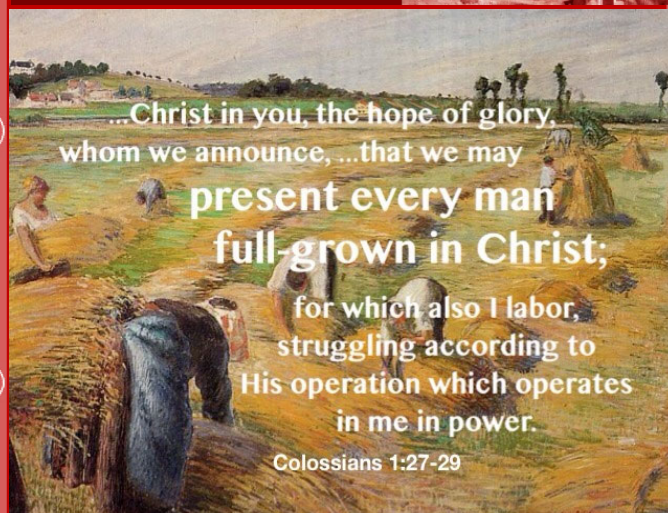
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Psalm 15

"He who does justice
will live in the
presence of the Lord."

Domine, quis habitabit



...Christ in you, the hope of glory,
whom we announce, ...that we may

**present every man
full-grown in Christ;**

for which also I labor,
struggling according to
His operation which operates
in me in power.

Colossians 1:27-29

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