

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said, "Teacher... grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said, "...to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give... Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all..." ( Mark 10:35,37,40,43-44).

## 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,



Today, October 20, is World Mission Sunday and, as devotees of our patroness, who is co-patroness of all missions, we should be especially supportive of missionary work throughout the world. As we know, Therese never left her cloistered monastery during her life but is living out her vocation as a missionary *right now!* As many recent

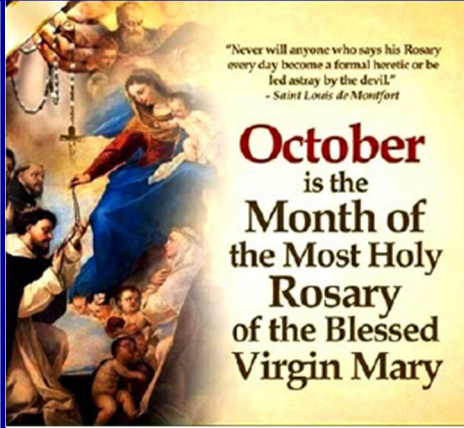
authors have testified, St. Therese is very much fulfilling her promise made before her death: *“I want to spend my Heaven in doing good on earth. After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses.”* So, let us stir up that great missionary desire that St. Therese had, even if we never leave our home country. All of us can and need to be missionaries right in our own neighborhoods and families!

But we can also support the overseas missions, which have been part of our Church since the very beginning. As you all know, our Carmelite province has a mission in Uganda, East Africa, where both Fr. Stephen and I served along with Fr. Philip. So please continue to support our mission there and help in any way that you can. As with many congregations with overseas missions, we Carmelites have found some of our greatest surge of vocations in mission territories. It's truly exciting and edifying to see both the Faith and our Carmelite charism spread throughout the world! This is why we want to support the missions, to see Our Blessed Lord believed in, adored, and loved by more and more people!

We still have a lot of work to do! Catholics right now make up only one-eighth of the world's population. We must continue our missionary endeavors because God “wills everyone to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.”

—Fr. Peter Mary





# THE 15 PROMISES OF THE ROSARY

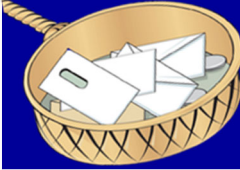
Pope St. John Paul II called the Rosary “an exquisitely contemplative prayer.” The benefits of praying the Rosary are enumerated in a special way in the *Fifteen Promises of the Blessed Mother*. This is a tradition held by the Dominicans that St. Dominic received a private revelation from the Blessed Virgin giving him fifteen Promises for all those who pray the Rosary devoutly and faithfully (see below). We hope that they encourage you in meditating on the mysteries of Christ by

praying the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

1. Those who faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against Hell. It will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. The recitation of the Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish. It will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God. It will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.
6. Those who recite my Rosary devoutly, applying themselves to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune. In His justice, God will not chastise them; nor shall they perish by an unprovided death, i.e., be unprepared for heaven. Sinners shall convert. The just shall persevere in grace and become worthy of eternal life.
7. Those who have a true devotion to the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who faithfully recite the Rosary shall have, during their life and at their death, the light of God and the plenitude of His graces. At the moment of death, they shall participate in the merits of the saints in Paradise.
9. I shall deliver from Purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.
11. By the recitation of the Rosary, you shall obtain all that you ask of me.
12. Those who propagate the holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of their death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are my beloved children and the brothers and sisters of my only Son, Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion to my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.



# Financial Offerings



October 12 / 13, 2024

Unrestricted.....	\$16,394.00
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<b>T O T A L.....</b>	<b>\$16,964.00</b>

September 14 / 15 .....	\$17,628.00
September 21 / 22 .....	\$28,875.00
September 28 / 29 .....	\$20,426.00
October 5 / 6 .....	\$15,886.00

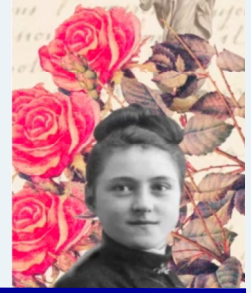
**CHECK USERS:**  
Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

# "100 Years of Walking with St. Therese" Parish GALA

We will conclude the celebration of our centennial year with a PARISH

GALA at Brookside Country Club in Pasadena on Saturday, January 11.

Tickets will be available for sale very soon! For now—save the date!



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# RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, November 9 and Sunday, November 10

Come find treasures for low prices! The school will be hosting their Spring Rummage Sale in three weeks! Come one, come all, and snatch things up before they sell out!



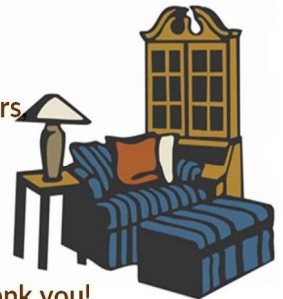
### Interested in donating items?

We accept the following items in good condition:

Clothes, accessories, household décor, small household appliances (blenders, pressure cookers, slow cookers, etc.), books, toys, furniture

We do NOT accept the following:

Large electronics (printers, fax machines, computers, TVs, etc), car parts



Due to space constraints, items only accepted between November 4 and 8. Thank you!

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# SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

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**Taking pictures or videos of a minor without permission:** What can be done if a person is taking pictures of a minor in a public place? Although it is legal that a person can take pictures or videos in a public place, there are sometimes extenuating circumstances that require adults to pay more attention. Is the person taking photos acting suspiciously — focusing on only minor children, for example, or zooming in on specific body areas of their subjects? Are they hovering around groups of children with no seeming reason for being there? If you have concerns, speak up. Ask why the photos are being taken, or if the person is willing to delete the images of your child. From there, you can decide if you need to get the authorities involved. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “When People Take Photos and Videos of Minors Without Permission” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

# Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & BOUTIQUE



**YOU ARE INVITED** to join the Auxiliary for their annual Holiday Luncheon and Boutique. Find your treasures in our boutique and buy some of the special treats made by the Nuns: specialty breads, candy, and nuts! Or check out the handmade items, live plants, and holiday gift items. There will also be a 50/50 Raffle and a Silent Auction.

It will be held on **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15**, at Connolly Hall at Holy

Family Church (1501 Fremont Avenue) in South Pasadena. It will begin at **10:30 a.m. with the Boutique and a Social Hour, followed by the Luncheon at 12:00 Noon.** The donation per person is \$45. Make your check payable to *"Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary"* and mail it to Kathy Cardoza, 710 Lindaraxa Park South, Alhambra 91801. For any questions, call her at (626) 570-9012.

Kindly **RSVP by November 5!** | There is a handicap drop-off at the Oak Street Driveway!

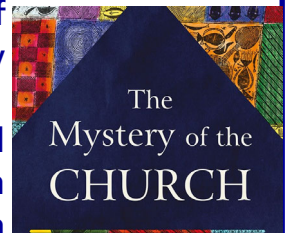
## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today, October 20, is World Mission Sunday. Established by Pope Pius XI in 1926, it is a day for Catholics to support the Church's missionary work, reflect on their baptism, and recommit to the Church's mission. Donations support the work of evangelization around the world. Catholics can participate by praying, offering material offerings, and spreading the Word.

To make a donation, just write MISSION SUNDAY in the memo section of your check or use the envelope included in your mailed packet. We will mail one check for the total collected to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

## Fr. Stephen's Class Series: "The Mystery of the Church"

This series of classes given by Fr. Stephen is normally presented on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. However, for this month, the class on the 4th Tuesday needs to be moved to the **5th Tuesday, October 29** (7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room of the Parish Center). That evening's class will be on **"The Church and the Communion of Saints."**



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

## Larcy on Pilgrimage



I got the lead for this story when an unsuspecting person called to see if a priest was available to bless a new vehicle. "Yes, I am available," I said on the phone. "Come to the Parish office on El Molino." After the blessing, I asked, "So, where do you live?" "On Sierra Vista Avenue, near Almansor Park," says she. "Oh, that's in our Parish. Would it be alright if I interviewed you for a story to be put in our Parish bulletin," I slyly asked. Bingo! Meet **Larcy Ramos**.

She's from a small town some 15 miles north of Manila and is the youngest of five. Larcy is single and lives with her cousin, Mai. She is a graduate of Santo Tomas in Manila. (This university was founded in 1611, making it older than Harvard!) Larcy credits her Catholic education to her being deeply rooted in her faith. After college, Larcy worked in a couple of banks in Manila.

In 1987, Larcy moved to the States to help her sister and her husband with their French bakery in Rancho Palos Verdes. She moved to Alhambra around 1993 and has been a parishioner of St. Therese Parish Church ever since. She remembers well when the relics of St. Therese visited our Parish. The Great Jubilee of 2000 was just beginning, and the Parish was celebrating its diamond jubilee. (Don't forget, the

relics of St. Therese will return here one year from now.)

Around the year 2000, Larcy was employed by WorldCom, the telecom company that went bankrupt due to the biggest financial scandal in U.S. history. Along with 18,000 other employees, Larcy was laid off. The silver lining for her was that she was now able to fulfill her ambition to become a chef. She enrolled at the Cordon Bleu School of Culinary Arts in Pasadena. On weekends, she'd earn money working at catering events in LA and Orange County. These events brought her into contact with famous chefs such as Wolfgang Puck and Joachim Splichal, quite a confidence builder, she says. Eventually, Larcy was hired by Whole Foods Market as a cook.

The kitchen is Larcy's happy place. She is grateful to God every day that she is able to do the things she loves doing and make people happy and satisfied with their meals. That includes the times she has used her culinary skills to make delicious soup for St. Therese Parish's Lenten Soup Nights.

Larcy is semi-retired now and has the opportunity to travel. She has made pilgrimages to Italy, Spain, Portugal, and France. On her first trip to Rome, she attended Pope Francis' midnight Christmas Mass at St. Peter's. She says that while praying in the holy places, tears would involuntarily fall on her cheeks. Her cup was overflowing. Last year, she traveled to Lourdes. Next year she hopes to visit Lisieux since she is attached to St. Therese. (I told her about the pilgrimage Fr. Peter Mary and Fr. Robert are leading next year.)

I learned that Larcy's sister, Ruby Ramos, is a well-known parishioner of St. Therese and has four children. One of those, her daughter Anna, cantored here for a while. Ruby is now widowed.

Larcy concluded her interview quoting the Little Flower: *"What matters in life is not great deeds, but great love,"* meaning that the ordinary things we do become extraordinary when done with love. These words always resonate in Larcy's grateful heart. Let it be so with all of us.

**Thank you for sharing, Larcy!**

The Ramos Family is part of the rich 100-year history of St. Therese Parish.  
Let us all walk with St. Therese as we journey together in faith during our Centennial year.

# Mass Intentions

**October 19—October 26, 2024**

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Teresa & Humberto Lomeli, RIP

Sunday

\*7:30 a.m.: All Families, INT

7:30 a.m.: Lauren Cheah, INT

9:00 a.m.: Rogelio Nazareth, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Ambrocio Santa Maria, RIP

1 p.m. (Latin): Roberto Abad, INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Modesto Bernardino, RIP

\*7:30 am: Dr. M. S. Chandhry, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Rosario Torres. INT

7:15 p.m.: Mark Escobedo, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Gerro Batalla Sia, Birthday INT

\*7:30 a.m.: Mary Yen Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Eulalia McEntire, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Mary McDonald, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Marcy Garner, RIP

\*7:30 a.m.: Sam and Gloria Hema, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Aaron Avalos, INT

Thursday

6:00 a.m.: Maria Escobedo, INT

\*7:30 am: Ng, Buck, and Child, INT

8:00 a.m.: Michael Guerra, INT

Friday

6:00 a.m.: Robert Martin Hopkias, RIP

\*7:30 am: Erna Dampf, RIP

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

Saturday (Morning):

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

8:00 a.m.: Eulalia McEntire, RIP

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

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**\*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"!

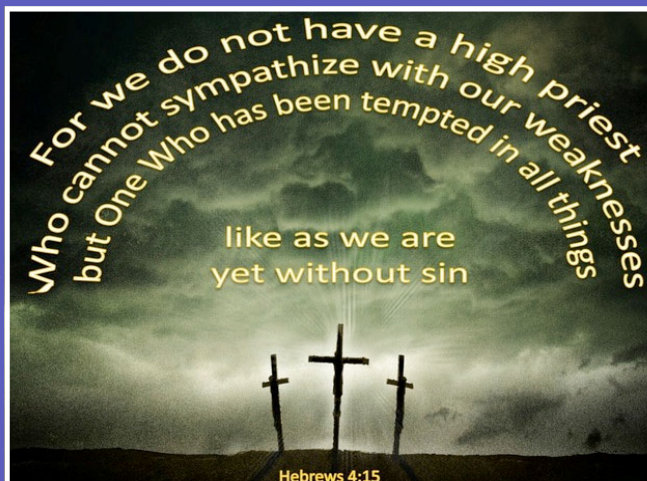
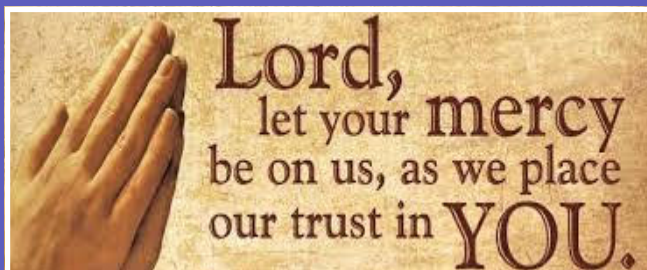
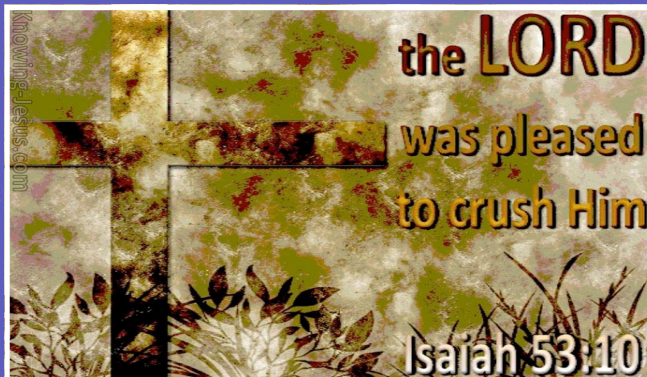
# Pilgrimages

## PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE, AND ITALY

with Fr. Julius Ntalo, OCD:  
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## ST. THERESE PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE

with Fr. Peter Mary and Fr. Robert from September 21 to October 3, 2025. For more info, go to <https://prorometours.com/sainttherese/> or contact ProRome Tours at (434) 953-1112 or office@prorome.com.



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