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St. Therese Catholic Church



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Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While He was praying, His face changed in appearance and His clothing became dazzling white. Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory, were conversing with Him and spoke of His exodus that He was going to accomplish in Jerusalem (Luke 9:28-31).

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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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page
or on the Church's website >Our School > Videos



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,

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Lent, which always features the Gospel of the Transfiguration. Let us meditate with Pope Benedict on this great mystery and continue our journey with Jesus to Jerusalem!

—Fr. Peter



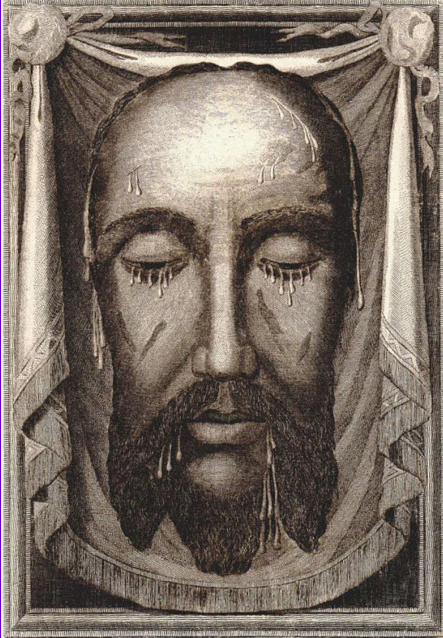
“Today, the Second Sunday of Lent, as we continue on the penitential journey, the liturgy invites us, after presenting the Gospel of Jesus’ temptations in the desert last week, to reflect on the extraordinary event of the Transfiguration on the mountain. Considered together, these episodes anticipate the Paschal Mystery: Jesus’ struggle with the tempter preludes the great final duel of the Passion, while the light of His transfigured Body anticipates the glory of the Resurrection. On the one hand, we see Jesus, fully man, sharing with us even temptation; on the other, we contemplate Him as the Son of God who divinizes our humanity. Thus, we could say that these two Sundays serve as pillars on which to build the entire structure of Lent until Easter, and indeed, the entire structure of Christian life, which consists essentially in paschal dynamism: from death to life.

“The mountain—Mount Tabor, like Sinai—is the place of nearness to God. Compared with daily life, it is the lofty space in which to breathe the pure air of creation. It is the place of prayer in which to stand in the Lord’s presence like Moses and Elijah, who appeared beside the transfigured Jesus and spoke to Him of the “exodus” that awaited Him in Jerusalem, that is, his Pasch. The Transfiguration is a prayer event: in praying, Jesus is immersed in God, closely united to Him, adhering with His own human will to the loving will of the Father, and thus light invades Him and appears visibly as the truth of His being: He is God, Light of Light. Even Jesus’ raiment becomes dazzling white. This is reminiscent of the white garment worn by neophytes. Those who are reborn in Baptism are clothed in light, anticipating heavenly existence (Revelation 7:9,13).

“This is the crucial point: the Transfiguration is an anticipation of the Resurrection, but this presupposes death. Jesus expresses His glory to the Apostles so that they may have the strength to face the scandal of the Cross and understand that it is necessary to pass through many tribulations in order to reach the Kingdom of God. The Father’s voice, which resounds from on high, proclaims Jesus His beloved Son, as He did at the Baptism in the Jordan, adding: “Listen to Him” (Matthew 17:5). To enter eternal life requires listening to Jesus, following Him on the way of the Cross, carrying in our heart—like He did—the hope of the Resurrection. ‘Spe salvi,’ saved in hope. Today we can say: ‘Transfigured in hope.’

“Turning now in prayer to Mary, let us recognize in her the human creature transfigured within by Christ’s grace and entrust ourselves to her guidance, to walk joyfully on our path through Lent.”

HOLY FACE OF JESUS RELIC HERE FOR VENERATION MONDAY, MARCH 17



This year, being the 100th anniversary of the canonization of *St. Therese, we are having a special visit of a Holy Face relic **THIS MONDAY, MARCH 17, FROM 6:00 TO 10:00 P.M.** This third-class relic is a replica of the cloth Veronica wiped Jesus' face with and has been touched to Veronica's Veil, the True Wood of the Cross, and the Lance that pierced Christ's side. Since this image was touched to the instruments of Our Lord's Passion, which were drenched in His Blood, it has therefore been touched to the Blood of Christ. And so is considered a "Living Image of Jesus Christ."

(*Note: When she was still in the Carmel in Lisieux, France, our patroness' religious name was Sr. Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face. She was first given the name "Therese of the Child Jesus" when she entered, and she added "and the Holy Face" when she took the veil.)

The evening will begin with a **talk at 6:00 p.m.**, by Vicki Schreiner, author of *Chronology of the Holy Face Devotion*, followed by **Mass at 7:15 p.m.**, and then **veneration of the Holy Face relic until 10:00 p.m.**

Soup Nights / Stations



Our next Soup Night will be this Friday, March 21, and will be sponsored by the Lay Missionaries of Charity and Guadalupe Pregnancy Services (Soup Night is EVERY Friday of Lent from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Hall). Soup Night is followed by Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you to these upcoming sponsors: Flame of Love, 40 Days / Deus Vocat / Vox Vitae, and Retrouvaille (in order of the Fridays being sponsored).

LENTEN VESPERS EVERY SUNDAY

Join the Carmelite Friars and the St. Therese Church Choir in praying Vespers every Sunday of Lent at 4:00 p.m., in the church.

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VESPERS

Evening Prayer

Every Sunday of Lent at 4:00 p.m.

TENEBRAE

The Liturgy of the Shadows

Wednesday of Holy Week
April 16 at 7:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE: On Wednesday, April 16, there will be a special **sung Tenebrae service** during confessions, (7:00 to 9:00.

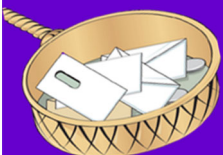
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

March 5 - April 13

Join us at Pasadena Planned Parenthood at 1045 North Lake Avenue in Pasadena and discover the power of your prayers! Parking is available on the streets—just read the signs carefully and be courteous not to block driveways! To learn more—and get involved—please visit us at www.40daysforlife.com/pasadena. Volunteers are needed now more than ever!

To help or for more information, contact: Rose Curiel at indigoro40daysforlife.com | or (323)528-8094.

Financial Offerings



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February 22 / 23	\$18,147.00
March 1 / 2	\$15,773.00

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Novena to St. Joseph | Solemnity Mass

Novena Prayer (March 11 - 19)

Remember, O most illustrious Patriarch St. Joseph, on the testimony of St. Teresa, thy devoted patroness, never has it been heard that anyone who invoked thy protection or sought thy mediation has not obtained relief. With this confidence, I come before thee, my loving protector, chaste Spouse of Mary, foster father of the Savior of men, and dispenser of the treasures of His Sacred Heart, and ask you to hear my petitions.



Amen.

Solemnity Mass (March 19th)

Fr. Stephen Watson will celebrate a special evening Solemnity Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph **THIS Wednesday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m.**

Mass will be followed by confessions at 8:00 p.m. or so.

Blessed SOLEMNITY of ST JOSEPH 19 MARCH

St JOSEPH, PRAY for US!
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SHOWER OF ROSES FOR THE CARMELITE NUNS

The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary invites you to their annual Shower of Roses Benefit Luncheon on **Wednesday, April 9**. It will begin with a social hour at 10:30 a.m.—including raffle drawings, opportunity prizes, and a silent auction. At Noon we will have lunch and listen to our guest speaker, Jackie Halpin, who will tell us of her family's journey of faith after losing their home in the Eaton fire.

This event will be held at the San Gabriel Country Club, 350 East Hermosa Drive, San Gabriel. **Please RSVP by March 26** to Kathy Cardoza at (626) 570-9012. Admission is \$80 per person. Please make your check payable to Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary and mail it to Kathy at 710 Lindaraxa Park South, Alhambra 91801.

The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary invites You and Your Guests to Attend the **Shower of Roses Annual Benefit Luncheon** "Rising With Faith in A Moment of Crisis"

Wednesday, April 9, 2025
10:30 a.m.: Social Hour
Raffle Drawings | Opportunity Prizes | Silent Auction

12:00 p.m.: Luncheon
Speaker: Jackie Halpin
"A Family's Journey of Faith: Rising from the Ashes"

San Gabriel Country Club
350 East Hermosa Drive
San Gabriel, California 91775
Hosted Valet Parking

RSVP by March 26 to Kathy Cardoza at (626) 570-9012.
\$80 per person. Mail checks payable to Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary to 710 Lindaraxa Park South, Alhambra, CA 91801.

"FR. JEROME APPEAL" FOR THE NUNS



If you missed last weekend's special collection for the Nuns, you may still make a donation using the pink envelopes found in the pews. Your donation will help to

provide for their daily needs and the upkeep of their Monastery.

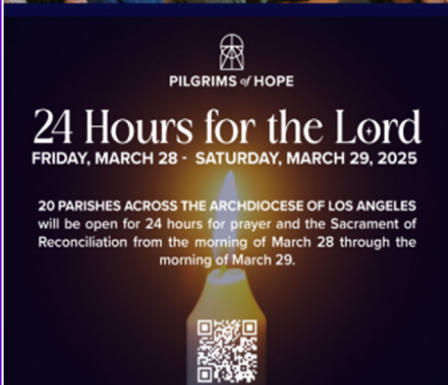
The Carmelite Monastery was instrumental in the establishment of St. Therese Parish, and there has always been a special closeness and loving support between the Parish and the Monastery.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD Adoration, Prayer, and Confessions



On March 28 and 29 (Friday and Saturday), the Archdiocese will join local Churches around the world in "24 Hours for the Lord." One church in each of the 20 deaneries of the Archdiocese will remain open for



24 hours for confession and prayer to renew our "hope in his mercy" (Ps 147:11).

ST. THERESE CHURCH is that "one church" for Deanery 10. Parishioners from the other 18 churches in our deanery will be joining us for that 24-hour period on the above days.

Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, March 28, we will expose the Blessed Sacrament and begin Adoration and Confessions until the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, March 29. During this time period, priests from the other churches in our Deanery will be joining our own Friars to hear confessions. Again, please welcome the parishioners from the other 18 churches who will be joining us!

"MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH" CLASS

Fr. Stephen's next class in this series will be on Tuesday, March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation.

The topic will be "MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH."

"By reason of the gift and role of divine maternity, by which she is united with



her Son, the Redeemer, and with His singular graces and functions, the Blessed Virgin is also intimately united with the Church. As St. Ambrose taught, the Mother of God is a type of the Church in the order of faith, charity and perfect union with Christ. For, in the mystery of the Church, which is itself rightly called mother and virgin, the Blessed Virgin stands out in eminent and singular fashion as exemplar both of virgin and mother" (Lumen Gentium 63).

LENTEN PARISH MISSION BY FR. RAYMOND BUENO, OCD

Fr. Raymond Bueno will give a Lenten Parish Mission for St. Therese from Monday, March 31, through Thursday, April 3. His topic will be "St. Therese: The Centennial of Her Canonization."



On each of those four evenings, Fr. Raymond will celebrate Mass at 7:00 p.m., give his talk at 7:45 p.m., and have a Holy Hour from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity of grace.



Deus Vocat (God is Calling)



This new Parish Vocation Apostolate invites you to help us in supporting TWELVE CANDIDATES who are discerning God's call to a religious vocation. It is such as these our Apostolate supports.

You are invited to join Deus Vocat every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Lisieux Room (in the Parish Office building, 510 North El Molino Street) to pray for vocations. For more info, please contact:

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National Eucharistic Revival



"Do This in Remembrance of Me" — Part 27: The Creed Part 28: The Creed as Profession of Faith

According to the glossary of our Catechism, a creed is "a brief, normative summary statement or profession of Christian faith, e.g., the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed. The word 'Creed' comes from the Latin Credo, meaning 'I believe,' with which the Creed begins" (CCC, Glossary, s.v. "Creed"). There have been many professions of faith that have come from Church Councils or from certain individuals. "None of the creeds from the different stages in the Church's life can be considered superseded or irrelevant" (CCC, no. 193). Two creeds have a special place in the Church's life: the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. "The Apostles' Creed is so called because it is rightly considered to be a faithful summary of the apostles' faith" (CCC, no. 194). "The Niceno-Constantinopolitan or Nicene Creed draws its great authority from the fact that it stems from the first two ecumenical Councils (in 325 and 381). It remains common to all the great Churches of both East and West to this day" (CCC, no. 195). Although either the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed can be used in the Mass, many of us probably most often hear the Nicene Creed being used.

What does the word Creed mean? According to Fr. Guy Oury, "A Latin word for the Creed is symbolum. Its first meaning is that of a sign, a mark of recognition by which an envoy is accredited or strangers know each other as belonging to the same group. The 'symbol' of faith identifies Christians. In addition to being a sign of our unity, the Creed also is a summary of core doctrines we believe in and an important part of the Mass.

Source: Fr. Luke Spannagel's blog at

<https://www.stphils.com/Church/Eucharistic-revival-walk-through-the-Mass/>

Mass Intentions

March 15—March 22, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Monica Kouyoumjian, B-Day INT

Sunday

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

7:30 a.m.: Sandoval Family, INT

9:00 a.m.: Laigo Family, INT

11:00 a.m.: Betty Zepeda, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Gabriel Avalos, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: John, Helen, and Patrick Hummel, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mr. and Mrs. Marc Giambalvo, INT

8:00 a.m.: Millie Fratt, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Sarah Sandoval, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Mariam, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Leonel Salgado, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Joseph Sandoval, INT

7:30 a.m.: Jose & Julia Munoz and

Josephine Rosales, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Josefina Roman, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: All Souls in Purgatory

*7:30 a.m.: Mrs. Teresie Nally, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Peter Grimm, Birthday INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Orlando Vales, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Kim Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Zoe Singh, Birthday INT

Saturday (Morning):

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

8:00 a.m.: Anthony Brajkovich, RIP

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

Open to the public except on Sundays and some 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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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.

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

(Psalm 27:1)

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