

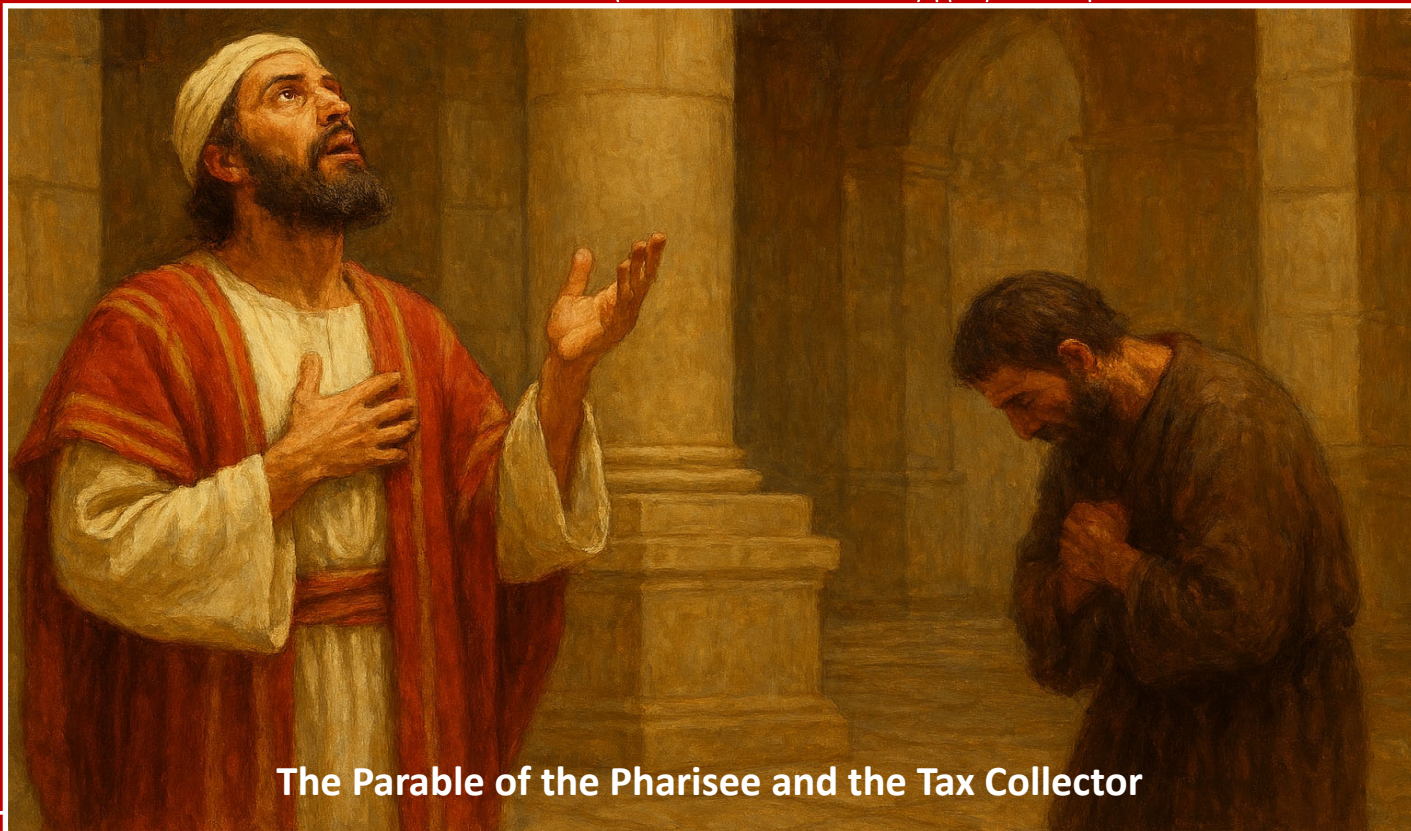
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St. Therese Catholic Church



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The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

MASSSES | 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,

As more and more occultic and satanic activity increases in our world, **we now have a new saint just canonized by Pope Leo XIV last weekend**, who renounced his life as a satanic priest and became a great promoter of the Holy Rosary! Below is the story of the conversion of **St. Bartolo Longo**.

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD



St. Bartolo Longo was born to a wealthy but devout Catholic family on February 10, 1841, in the small town of Latiano, near Brindisi, in southern Italy. By the time Bartolo entered the University of Naples Law School, many of his professors were ex-priests preaching nationalist venom against the Church. He was quickly caught up in their fervor. *"I, too, grew to hate monks, priests and the Pope,"* he would later write.

In his confusion and emptiness, without God to turn to, he began to visit some of Naples' infamous mediums. That was his introduction into the occult. Soon, his thirst for the supernatural led him into outright Satanism, where—after a period of intense study and such rigorous fasting that he was reduced to skin and bones—he was consecrated a satanic priest and promised his soul to a demon. For the next year, he began to preside over satanic services and to preach more boldly and blasphemously against God and the Church—treating them, in a diabolical reversal, as the real evils.

Professor Vincenzo Pepe, a solidly Catholic professor at the University, began to meet with Bartolo, accosting him, *"Do you want to die in an insane asylum and be damned forever?"* Bartolo couldn't ignore the psychological and physiological state he was in. Professor Pepe eventually convinced him to see a Dominican priest, who after three weeks of lengthy conversations, was able to welcome him back into the Church and give him absolution on the feast of the Sacred Heart.

But Bartolo still despaired. "One day in the fields around Pompeii," he wrote, "I recalled my former condition as a priest of Satan... I thought that perhaps as the priesthood of Christ is for eternity, so also the priesthood of Satan is for eternity. So, despite my repentance, I thought: *'I am still consecrated to Satan, and I am still his slave and property as he awaits me in Hell.'* As I pondered over my condition, I experienced a deep sense of despair and almost committed suicide. Then I heard an echo in my ear of the voice of Friar Alberto repeating the words of the Blessed Virgin Mary: *'One who propagates my Rosary shall be saved.'* Falling to my knees, I exclaimed: ***'If your words are true that he who propagates your Rosary will be saved, I shall reach salvation because I shall not leave this earth without propagating your Rosary.'***"



Beginning in Pompeii, he spent the whole rest of his life propagating the Rosary and imitating the mysteries it contained. With the financial support of the Countess, he built Pompeii's famous Basilica of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, founded elementary schools and orphanages, and inaugurated a print shop and technical school to give the children of convicted criminals the chance of a better life. **He composed the prayer below, which is a fitting way for us to conclude the month of the Rosary and to pray for those who, like St. Bartolo once was, are still caught under the bondage of Satanism and the occult:**

"O Blessed Rosary of Mary, sweet chain that unites us to God, bond of love that unites us to the angels, tower of salvation against the assaults of Hell, safe port in our universal shipwreck, we will never abandon you. You will be our comfort in the hour of death: yours our final kiss as life ebbs away. And the last words from our lips will be your sweet name, O Queen of the Rosary of Pompeii, O dearest Mother, O Refuge of Sinners, O Sovereign Consoler of the Afflicted. May you be everywhere blessed, today and always, on earth and in Heaven."



The Knights of Columbus
Invite You to A...
PANCAKE
Today!
Sunday, October 26
Breakfast
After the 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses

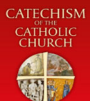


All Souls' Day Requiem Mass
Sunday,
November 2,
5:00 p.m.
With the St Therese Parish Choir
Sung Litany with the Names of Those Whose Funerals Were Held at St. Therese Past Year

All Saints' Day



All Saints' Day is Saturday, November 1. However, because it falls on a Saturday, the obligation to attend has been lifted. However, it is still a privilege, so you may attend our 8:00 a.m. daily Mass to observe this feast.



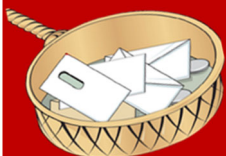
Fr. Stephen's Series on The Catechism of the Catholic Church

CLASS FOUR: THIS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 7:30—9:00 p.m., in the Parish Center

Class Subject: Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" and "Who do you say I am?" (Matthew 16:13). In this class we will examine the Church's teaching regarding Jesus Christ (see Part One, Section Two, Chapter Three of *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*).

What is the essential teaching of the Church about Jesus? How to we profess our faith in Jesus? We call the essential teaching about Jesus the "**Kerygma**." Pope Francis strongly emphasized the importance of the Kerygma as the center of all evangelization and work of renewal, formulating it as "**Jesus loves us, died for us, is alive and near us**," extolling it as the wisest and truest proclamation, and stating that "all Christian formation consists of entering more deeply into the Kerygma." The person and mission of Jesus were discussed and argued about for three centuries until the Council of Nicaea in 325. The Nicene Creed formulated by this Council, the first of the 21 ecumenical councils, is the one we commonly profess today. **Pope Leo XIV will make an Apostolic Journey to Türkiye (formerly Turkey) on November 27-30 to celebrate the 1,700th anniversary of the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea with a pilgrimage to the city of Iznik, known to history as Nicaea. Find out why this is important!**

Financial Offerings



October 18 / 19, 2025

Unrestricted..... \$17,710.00
Restricted \$ 735.00
T O T A L.....\$18,445.00

September 20 / 21 .. \$24,716.00
September 27 / 28... \$15,297.00
October 4 / 5 \$20,608.00
October 11 / 12 \$38,057.00

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



Saint Therese Carmelite School

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RUMMAGE SALE

In TWO Weeks!



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

November 8-9th

Interested in donating items?

We accept the following items in good condition:
Clothes, accessories, household decor, 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 6. Thank you!

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FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS
TO THE
IMMACULATE
HEART OF MARY

Mark your calendar for our next First Saturdays Devotion on November 1, 2025. Join us after the 8:00 a.m. Mass that morning for the Rosary and 15 minutes of meditation.

Sister Lucia's Long Journey in Spreading the First Saturdays Devotion - Part Six

After Bishop Jose Alves Correia de Silva gave official approval to the devotion in September 1939, Lucia continued her efforts to get the devotion spread worldwide throughout the Church. She poured out her heart to Bishop de Silva in a letter dated May 27, 1943, expressing the real need for this devotion: "I long for the coming of the Office in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, throughout the whole world. When I put this request into the letter to the Holy Father, I put it as a simple desire of my poor heart, and that's the truth. But, in fact, it isn't only mine. Someone up there entrusted it to me. It belongs to the Most Holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary. They love and desire these devotions, because by them, they attract souls to themselves. All their desires are summed up in this: To save souls, many souls, each and every soul."

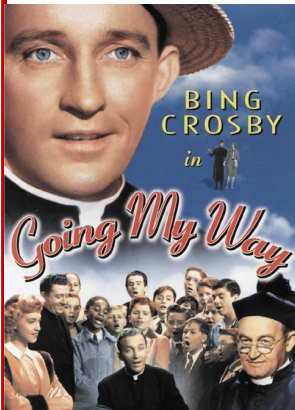


Bishop Jose Alves Correia
de Silva with Sr. Lucia

A few days ago, He said to me, "I really want the spread of the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; for it is the magnet that will attract souls to me; the spotlight that will throw the rays of my light and love on the earth, the eternal spring that will flood the earth with the living water of my Mercy."

Source: www.Bluearmy.com

MOVIE NIGHT! "Going My Way"



Fr. Peter Mary invites everyone to the Parish Hall for our next movie night on **Saturday, November 15**, immediately following the vigil Mass. We will be showing the classic movie from 1944 starring Bing Crosby and Barry Fitzgerald. This film—which won EIGHT Academy Awards—is about Fr. Chuck O'Malley being assigned to a parish with an Irish priest. He connects with a gang of kids looking for direction and handles the details of the building fund, and ends up winning over his aging, conventional superior, Father Fitzgibbon.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive (for those in our community who are in need) will be **after the Sunday, Masses on November 23**; and **distribution will be on Monday, November 24**. Please **donate TURKEYS and non-perishable food items** (especially related to Thanksgiving dinner, e.g., cans of green beans, cranberries, sweet potatoes, corn, carrots, boxes of stuffing, mashed potatoes, jars of turkey gravy, etc.), by bringing them to the Parish Hall on that Sunday only. **ALSO, if you would like to volunteer to help package and/or distribute the groceries, email Deacon Gil Vargas at deacongilv@gmail.com.**



FAMILY PAINT Night

FREE CHILDCARE PROVIDED

Spend a joyful evening with loved ones, creating memories through art and fellowship. Enjoy step-by-step painting instruction from Alicia Salazar and Marcela Alcala. Appetizers and wine will be served to make the evening even more special.

Date: Saturday, November 22, 2025
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: St. Therese School Art Studio (2nd Floor, Parish Center)
Donation: \$25 per person
RSVP: Text Marcela Figueroa de Alcala at 626-940-4899 with your name and the number of tickets you would like.



St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila)



Although the feast day of St Teresa was earlier this month (October 15), this bulletin issue is the first in which we've had room to include this article. Known as "our holy Mother" by the Discalced Carmelites, this is her story:

Teresa de Ahumada y Cepeda was born in Avila, Castile, Spain, on March 28, 1515. Her father was a rather wealthy merchant. Teresa was the "most beloved" among her nine brothers and sisters. From her youth, she showed great zeal and piety, as well as courage and a strong will. When she was seven, Teresa ran away with her brother to the land of the Moors in hopes of being martyred. However, they only made it down the road.

Teresa was considered by all to be quite beautiful. Plus, she had an irresistible charm, a sharp wit, a kind nature, and much enthusiasm. She was skilled in embroidery, wonderful at housekeeping, and an excellent writer. Around the age of twelve, Teresa's piety began to wane as her interests turned towards her looks, abilities, conversation, books of chivalry, and spending time with others, especially her cousins. When she was 15, her mother died. Seeing that she needed better guidance and disapproving of her too close relationship with her cousin, her father placed Teresa in the care of the Augustinians at Santa Maria de Gracia.

It was during her time with them that Teresa recovered her faith. She was determined not to become worldly, but she did not know whether she had a vocation to the religious life. Teresa decided she would enter a convent, but her father would not allow it. As a result of the stress and despair she felt, she became extremely ill. She returned home to recuperate, but one night in 1535, she ran away and entered the Carmelite Monastery of the Incarnation. Her father finally consented to Teresa's vocation and became a benefactor of the monastery. A year later, Teresa was professed and began to practice harsh penances and mortifications. Soon she was ill again and left the convent in search of a cure for her mysterious illness. She eventually went back home to Avila and her father's house. Here she fell into a coma for four days, and all thought that she had died. She eventually came out of it but was paralyzed and bedridden for three years. She was finally cured, which she attributed to St. Joseph.

The convent of the Incarnation was very lax in its observances. Because of Teresa's charm, many of the nobility and important people of Castile would come to the convent where Teresa entertained them in the parlor. It was also a common practice to spend time at the homes of these important people. Soon, Teresa had fallen into her old ways of conversation and worldliness. Her spiritual mediocrity lasted for 17 years but, with much struggle, she overcame her attachments and her pride. Around the age of forty, she experienced a conversion and began to conform her life to God. Her spiritual life deepened, and she began to experience extraordinary favors from God.

Teresa realized that the life she lived at the convent was not the way the Carmelite Fathers had originally intended Carmelite life to be. She vowed that she would follow the rule perfectly and "without mitigation." Her sisters at the Incarnation caused her much pain because they did not approve of her aspirations. However, she soon won a few sisters over and established the convent of St. Joseph on August 24, 1562. She endured much, including a lawsuit, but eventually the resistance subsided, and Teresa enjoyed several years of peace at her convent.

It became clear to Teresa that it was God's will that she establish more foundations than just her convent of St. Joseph. She began traveling to establishing convents and soon met Friar John Yepes in Medina del Campo, where her second foundation was established. He became her ally in the reform—and he also became *John of the Cross*. He and Anthony of Jesus established the first monastery for men at Duruelo. Teresa founded convents and monasteries until the end of her life. She experienced every kind of opposition, persecution, and poverty; yet her foundations thrived. Soon, Teresa was being asked by bishops to reform the already existing Carmelite monasteries. This caused much ill will between her reformed Carmelites and those who followed the Mitigated Rule. For years, there was a bitter struggle, and Teresa was turned against on all sides. Finally, the matter was settled in 1580 when Pope Gregory XIII recognized the reformed convents and monasteries as a separate province. The reform was now known as the Discalced Carmelites, and Teresa was finally freed of restrictions.

Teresa is also known for her incomparable writings. Her most famous works are her *Autobiography*, *Way of Perfection*, and *Interior Castle*. Teresa was a woman of deep spirituality with complete detachment from the world; yet she never lost her charm or her fantastic sense of humor. She was always a loving mother to all her sisters and brothers. Teresa died at Alba on October 4, 1582 (October 14 by the Gregorian calendar), just months after establishing her last foundation. She was canonized in 1622 by Pope Gregory XV and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970 by Pope Paul VI—the first woman to be given that great honor by the Church.

Mass Intentions

October 25—November 1, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Dee Greaves, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Christine, OCD, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Marisela Reyes, INT

9:00 a.m.: Ashley Michele Hacker, INT

11:00 a.m.: Benjamin Arakawa, Birthday INT

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

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Stephanie Dye, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Antonius Maringka, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Yvette Stephanie Chung, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Olga Lopez, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Sean and Isabel Lao, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Giovanna Setiady, Birthday INT

8:00 a.m.: Mary Catania, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Gordon Thomas, RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Mrs. Ren, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mark Perez, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Robert John Hopkins, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: All Victims of Suicide, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Fred Bunsic, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Robert John Hopkins, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Nida Nazareno, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Paul Garcia, RIP

Saturday Morning

*7:30 a.m.: Alhambra Cloistered Carm. Nuns

8 am: Michael Alexander/Lauren Cheah, INT

***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"!

Pilgrimages

PILGRIMAGE TO GUADALUPE, MEXICO, with Carmelite friar Fr. Joseph Mary Tran, OCD, from Monday, **December 8, through Saturday, December 13, 2025**. Cost is \$2,250 per person, double occupancy. For more information, contact Beth Maddatu at maddatubeth2@gmail.com or 408-903-6305.

SEATS ARE FILLING FAST FOR THE PILGRIMAGE TO EASTERN EUROPE (Poland, Croatia, Medjugorje, etc.) with Carmelite friar Fr. Matthias Lambrecht, OCD, from **September 3 to September 16, 2026**. Cost to be determined. For more information, contact Beth Maddatu at maddatubeth2@gmail.com or 408-903-6305.

Outside the Parish

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