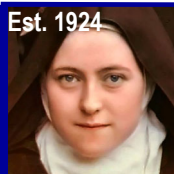


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"I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches. Then one of the elders said, 'These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb' " (Revelation 7:9-14).

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.

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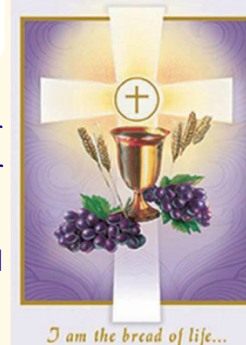
PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

I would like to congratulate all our children and their families who will receive their First Holy Communion at today's 9:00 a.m. Mass! I would also like to wish all our mothers a blessed and happy Mother's Day!

Let us now look at St. Therese's great devotion to Our Blessed Mother expressed through St. Therese's famous poem, ***Why I Love you, O Mary!***

—Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.



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WHY I LOVE YOU, O MARY!

May 1897 (Part 2 – first seven stanzas)

(Air: *Why did you deliver me the other day, oh my Mother?*)



1. Oh! I would like to sing, Mary, why I love you!
Why does your name so sweet make my heart leap
And why the thought of your supreme greatness
Could not inspire fear in my soul?
If I contemplated you in your sublime glory
And, surpassing the brilliance of all the blessed,
That I'm your child I couldn't believe,
O Mary, in front of you, I would lower my eyes!...
2. It is necessary for a child to cherish his mother.
May she cry with him, share his pains,
O my dear Mother, on the foreign shore,
To attract me to you, how many tears you shed!...
By meditating on your life in the Holy Gospel,
I dare to look at you and approach you;
Believing me your child is not difficult for me,
For I see you mortal and suffering like me...
3. When an angel from Heaven offers you to be the
Mother of the God who shall reign for all eternity,
I see you prefer, O Mary—what a mystery—
the ineffable treasure of virginity.
I understand that your soul, O Immaculate Virgin,
Is dearer to the Lord than the divine abode.
I understand that your soul, Humble and Sweet Valley,
Can contain Jesus, the Ocean of Love!...
4. Oh! I love you, Mary, saying you are the servant
Of the God whom you ravish by your humility.
This hidden virtue makes you all-powerful.
It draws the Holy Trinity into your heart,
So the Spirit of Love overshadowing you; the Son
equal to the Father in you became incarnate....
Of His sinning brethren great will be the number,
Since we must call Him: Jesus, your firstborn!
5. O beloved Mother, despite my smallness,
Like you I have in me the Almighty, but I do not
tremble when I see my weakness: the mother's
treasure belongs to the child, And I am your child,
oh my dear Mother, your virtues, your love,
are they not mine? Also when in my heart
descends the white Host Jesus, your Sweet
Lamb, believes that He rests in you!...
6. You make me feel it, it's not impossible
To follow in your footsteps, O Queen of the elect,
The narrow way to Heaven, you made it visible
By always practicing the humblest virtues.
With you, Mary, I like to stay small,
Of the grandeurs here below I see the vanity,
With Saint Elisabeth, receiving your visit,
I am learning to practice ardent charity.
7. There I listen delighted, Sweet Queen of Angels,
To the sacred song that springs from your Heart.
You teach me to sing divine praises,
To glory in Jesus my Savior.
Your words of love are mystical roses,
Which must embalm the centuries to come.
In you the Almighty has done great things,
I want to meditate on them, in order to bless Him.



100th Anniversary of Canonization

This coming **Saturday, May 17, 2025**, marks exactly 100 years since our Patroness was canonized on May 17, 1924, by Pope Pius XI. Please join your fellow parishioners in honoring her on this special day and seeking her special intercession.

The schedule for this morning event will be as follows:

- 8:00 a.m.:** Celebration of Mass
- 9:00 a.m.:** Outdoor Eucharistic Procession
- 9:30 a.m.:** Talk by Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.
- 10:30 a.m.:** Holy Hour
- 11:30 a.m.:** Benediction



Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Therese on Saturday, May 17, 2025

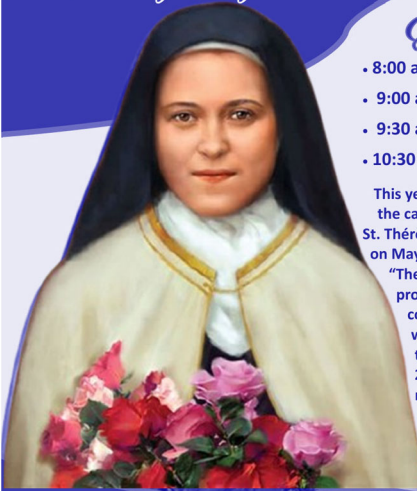


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This year marks the 100th anniversary of the canonization of our beloved patroness, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, who was declared a saint on May 17, 1925, by Pope Pius XI. Known as "The Little Flower," Thérèse's simple yet profound path of love and trust in God continues to inspire hearts around the world. It is especially meaningful that this centenary falls within the Church's 2025 Jubilee Year—a time of grace, renewal, and spiritual celebration for Catholics everywhere.

As we honor Thérèse's legacy, we're reminded that holiness is not about grand gestures, but about doing small things with great love.



May 17, 1925 - May 17, 2025



WALK WITH A ROSE IN HONOR OF
ST. THERESE 100TH CANONIZATION ANNIVERSARY
on MAY 17, 2025, SATURDAY 5 PM – 8 PM



ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD
JESUS AND THE HOLY FACE
(1873-1897)
Canonized on May 17, 1925

St. Therese Church is joining the two-mile Pasadena Eucharistic Procession on May 17, 2025!

- 5 PM: Mass at St. Philip the Apostle
- 6 PM: Procession starts
- 7 PM: Arrives at Pasadena City Hall for Benediction
- 7:30 PM: Arrives at St. Andrew for final Benediction



You are invited to join this beautiful and solemn procession!
Scan to register and walk with fellow parishioners →

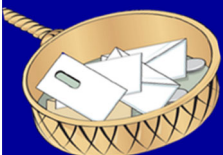
Eucharistic Revival Procession

ST. THERESE PARISH IS JOINING THIS TWO-MILE PROCESSION **THIS COMING SATURDAY, MAY 17, beginning with the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Philip in Pasadena.** More than 150 have already signed up.

The actual procession will **begin at 6:00 p.m.**, arriving at St. Andrew at 7:30 p.m. for final benediction. Fr. Peter Mary would like as many parishioners as possible to participate! To sign up and walk with your fellow parishioners, scan the RED QR code on the bottom of the flyer to the left. **You are also invited to carry a rose in honor of the 100th anniversary of our patroness that same day.** For questions, email Deacon Rex at deaconrex@outlook.com. Fr. Peter Mary and other friars will be participating.

For details, go to **PasadenaEucharisticRevival.**

Financial Offerings



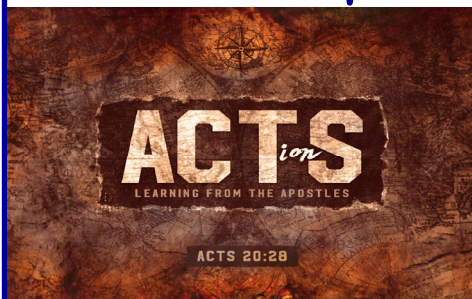
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"The Mystery of the Church" Classes With Fr. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.



Fr. Steve's next class in this series will be **THIS Tuesday, May 13, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.**, upstairs in the Parish Center.

**The topic will be
THE CHURCH AND THE
ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.**

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common" (Acts 4:32).

Happy Mother's Day!

To all our Parish mothers, aunts, godmothers, and all those who are "like mothers"!

May God bless each of you and give you the graces you need to support those who rely on you!



"Baby Bottle Collection Drive" & "Mom's Shower"

Next weekend, May 17 and 18, please bring to Mass the baby bottles you took home and filled with coins, bills, or checks

We will also have the playpen in front of the church to collect **donations of mom's essential supplies!** Some suggested items to donate are: New/gently-used maternity clothes; feminine hygiene products; Toiletries such as lotion, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, hand soap, Q-tips, etc.; Cleaning supplies such as detergent, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, etc.



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participating in this
important ProLife
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MOVIE NIGHT ON MAY 31

My Fair Lady

Parish Movie Night!
Sat., May 31, 7:00 p.m.



Cloistered Carmelite Nuns Auxiliary Fundraiser

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Daniel

"Trials and tribulations offer us a chance to make reparation for our past faults and sins. On such occasions, the Lord comes to us like a physician to heal the wounds left by our sins. Tribulation is the divine medicine."
-St. Augustine

Join us in the Hall on **Tuesday, May 20, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.,** for the second session in this series. It will include testimonies, fellowship, and light snacks. Come meet Evan and Daniel!

Film & Foster Fair

Did you know that 390,000 children are in foster care in the United States? Want to know how you can help these vulnerable children? **Come to the FILM & FOSTER FAIR on Saturday, May 24, at 12:00 p.m., in our Parish Hall.**

We will show the short film **"Adopting Faith"** and hear from area foster organizations about ways to volunteer to help foster children, including but not limited to: mentoring, donating physical items, or even becoming a foster parent.

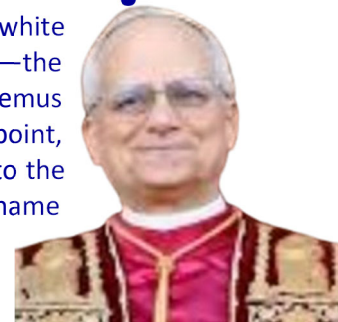


The event is free but RSVPs are requested.

Visit <https://bit.ly/4jCMui7> to register.

Habemus Papam

On May 8, 2025—an hour or so after white smoke billowed from the Sistine Chapel—the Church joyfully proclaimed, "Habemus Papam" ("We have a pope"). At that point, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost came out onto the balcony to address the world. Taking the name Pope Leo XIV, he becomes the 267th successor to St. Peter and the first American-born pope in the Church's history.



Born in Chicago, Illinois, United States, Prevost served in Peru from 1985 to 1986 and from 1988 to 1998 as a parish pastor, diocesan official, seminary teacher and administrator. He served as Bishop of Chiclayo in Peru from 2015 to 2023, and was general of the Order of St. Augustine from 2001 to 2013. In 2023, Pope Francis appointed Prevost as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, a prominent role that elevated his profile as a potential papal candidate.

The election of Pope Leo XIV is not merely a historical milestone but a profound spiritual moment, reflecting the presence of the Holy Spirit in guiding the Church. His missionary heart, pastoral experience, and deep commitment to the Faith prepare him to shepherd the people of God in a rapidly changing world. **Let us pray for our new Holy Father, that he may lead with wisdom, humility, and courage, always centered on Christ.**



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Unity Prayer: May our lips pray together
to gain mercy from the Eternal Father.

Sept 28, 1962: Jesus: “I will walk with you and
stay with you all day. May our lips beg our
heavenly Father, together, to obtain
mercy.” (The subject is fasting for priests in
Purgatory.)

- It is not about mercy for us but for others.
- The whole prayer is not about us.
- It’s not about us and Him.
- It’s all about sacrificing together for others.
- It’s about us loving God with His love—
loving Him so much we would rather walk

with Him to the cross than walk away from Him.

Reference: Building on Solid Rock Flame of Love Retreats Session 3 @ <https://flameoflove.us/building-on-solid-rock/>

Mass Intentions

May 10—May 17, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Soledad Reyes, INT

Sunday:

*7:30 am: Mother Gloria Therese, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Gabriel Sandoval, INT

11:00 a.m.: Teresa Heeyeon Lee, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Evangeline Holman, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Martita Lopez, INT

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 1

*7:30 a.m.: Florence Goh, INT

8:00 a.m.: Gonzalo & Daisy Torres, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Mary Helen Estrada, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 2

*7:30 a.m.: Pedro Santamaria, INT

8:00 a.m.: Hermine Tittmann, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Concepcion Aguilar, INT

Wednesday:

6 am: Christina & Arthur Chiong, Bday INT

7:30 a.m.: Deacon Joe Mizerski, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 3

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Sulpicio & Wendel Uy, RIP

7:30 a.m.: Sr. Therese Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 4

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 5

7:30 am: Mr. & Mrs. Marc Giambalvo, INT

8:00 a.m.: Ariel Aclaro & Family, INT

Saturday Morning

7:30 a.m.: Cloistered Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Mother's Day Novena 6

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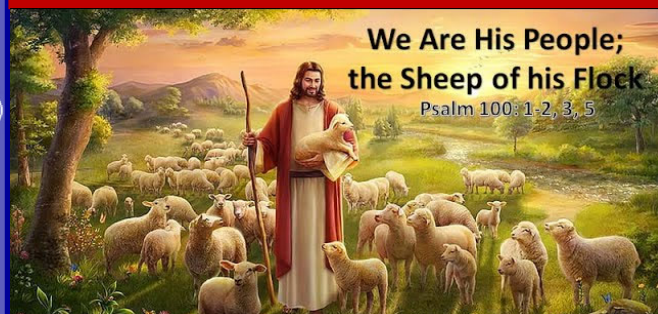
We livestream the daily 8:00 a.m. Mass and the HOMILIES at the Sunday 11:00 a.m. and the Monday 7:15 p.m. Masses. Be sure to "tune in"!

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.

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