



St Therese Catholic Church



August 23, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

*You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.*



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
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

Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-1:00 pm | 2:00 pm-5:00 pm

Pastor: Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD: X 1+224

Associate Pastors: Fr. Robert Elias Barcelos, OCD

Fr. David Guzman, OCD X 1+232

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Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD (X 1+226); Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD

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SACRAMENTS

- Baptisms: Register online
- Weddings: Register online at least six months in advance
- Anointing of the Sick:  Call the office

ONLINE GIVING

Please consider a gift
to St. Therese Church.

Open your banking app; then
scan this Zelle QR code. Use
email donateSTC@gmail.com.

If asked, the recipient is THE
ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP
OF LA ST THERESE CHU.



PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese... Another great Carmelite saint this month is **St. Mary of Jesus Crucified** (her Feast day is August 25th). She was a very simple nun from Galilee who became a great mystic and helped to found several Carmelite monasteries in India and the Holy Land. At various times throughout her life, she experienced the stigmata, ecstasies, levitation, bilocation, the gift of prophecy, the transpiercing of her heart, and even demonic possession. She was canonized by Pope Francis on May 17, 2015.

In honor of the recent feast of the Queenship of Our Lady, let us read **St. Mary's reflection on Our Lady following the death of her parents and her own restoration to health by the Mother of God.**

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D.

At the Feet of Mary

A poem by
St. Mary of Jesus, OCD

Mary counts your steps and your labors.

*Tell yourselves: At the feet of Mary I
came back to life.*

*You who dwell in this monastery,
detach yourselves from the things of
this earth.*

*Your salvation and your life are at the
feet of Mary.*

*I dwell in the heart of my Mother,
there I find my Beloved.*

Am I then an orphan?

*In the bosom of Mary, I have found
life.*

*Do not say, I am an orphan:
I have Mary for Mother and God for
Father.*

*The serpent, the dragon, wished to
catch me and take my life,
but at the feet of Mary, I recovered
my life.*

*Mary called me,
and in this monastery will I remain
forever.*

*At the feet of Mary, I came to life again.
Mary counts your steps and your labors.*



St. Therese
MOVIE NIGHT
FEATURING
The WIZARD of OZ

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

Social Hour & Hot Dogs at 7:00 p.m.

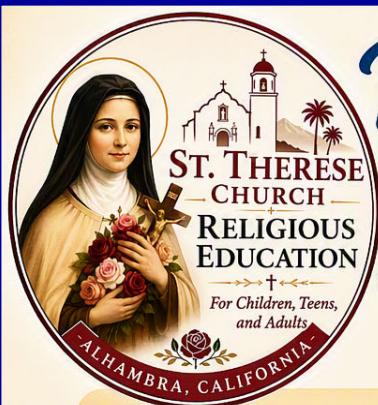
MOVIE BEGINS AT SUNSET!

Join Us for a Magical Evening
of Faith, Friendship & Fun for the Whole Family!

Proclamation:
The Wicked Witch Has Repented!

Mayor
New Convert

The poster features a vibrant, colorful illustration of the 'Wizard of Oz' story. At the top, a man in a suit and glasses floats in a hot air balloon basket, holding a green top hat. Below him, the title 'St. Therese MOVIE NIGHT' is written in a stylized font, with 'MOVIE NIGHT' in large, bold, red letters. The subtitle 'The WIZARD of OZ' is in a green, serif font. The main illustration shows the Scarecrow, Cowardly Lion, Tin Man, Dorothy, and the Wicked Witch of the West. In the foreground, several people are dressed as characters from the movie, including the Scarecrow, Tin Man, Cowardly Lion, Dorothy, and the Wicked Witch. They are holding various props like a large lollipop, a broom, and a sign that reads 'Proclamation: The Wicked Witch Has Repented!'. The background shows the Emerald City and a sunset sky.



Registration is **OPEN** for **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Classes**

YOU MAY EITHER



**REGISTER
ONLINE**

OR

DOWNLOAD THE FORM
from our website and
turn it into the offices at
510 North El Molino Street.



Go to <https://www.sttheresechurchalhambra.org/religiouseducationinfo>

Classes begin as follows:



GRADES 1-8, including
First Communion Classes
(10:15 to 11:45 a.m.):
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13



**HIGH SCHOOL
CONFIRMATION**,
Years One and Two
(6:30 - 8:00 p.m.):
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9



**ADULT CONFIRMATION
and OCIA**
(for those never baptized)
Choice of Thursdays from
7:00 to 9:00 p.m. or
Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.):
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10;
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**



The **LAST DAY** to **REGISTER** is **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27!**



FR. STEPHEN F. WATSON, OCD PRESENTS

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

*The Life, the Times,
and the Teachings*

*"Where there is
no love, put love,
and you will draw
out love."*

— ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS



**A SIX-WEEK
CLASS SERIES**
(twice a month)



**PARISH MEETING ROOM
• PARISH CENTER**
7:30-9:00 P.M.



**SEPTEMBER 15 & 29
OCTOBER 13 & 27
NOVEMBER 10 & 24**



**CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE YEAR OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
THROUGH DECEMBER OF 2026**

The St. Therese Parish Choir rehearsals begin on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026**, and are held weekly from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The Choir sings at the 11:00 Mass from mid-September until early June. **Highlights of the year include the Requiem Mass on November 2nd, Vespers in Advent, Christmas Midnight Mass, a Tenebrae Service during Holy Week, the Easter Vigil, and Pentecost Vespers.**

The St. Therese Parish Choir



A Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass

Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 47: The Background of the Eucharistic Prayers

The Jewish Roots of Eucharistic Prayers: As Edward Sri observes, "Scholars have noted that the Eucharistic prayer has roots in the Jewish table prayers recited at every meal. Near the start of the meal, the father of the family or the one presiding over the community would take bread and speak a blessing (barakah) which praised God, saying: 'Blessed are you, Lord, our God, king of the universe, who has brought forth bread from heaven.' The bread was then broken ... When the meal neared its conclusion, the presider prayed a second and longer barakah over a cup of wine. This blessing had three parts: 1) praise of God for his creation; 2) thanksgiving for his redemptive work in the past (for example, the giving of the covenant, the land, the law); and 3) supplication for the future, that God's saving works would continue in their lives and be brought to their climax in the sending of the Messiah who would restore the Davidic Kingdom" (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, p. 93).

The Promises to the Jews Fulfilled in Jesus: It makes sense that Jesus prayed in the pattern of the Jewish people of His day. What was different, and what changes these prayers for us, is when Jesus said, "This is My Body. This is My Blood." Knowing more about the Jewish background can be a great help to us in understanding customs and references we find in Scripture as well as seeing how the prayers of the Mass took shape. Above all, this background can help us understand the longing for the Messiah and the amazing gift that Jesus is as He is truly present with us!

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



Financial Offerings



August 15 / 16, 2026

Unrestricted..... \$20,795.00
 Restricted \$ 1,055.00
T O T A L..... \$21,850.00

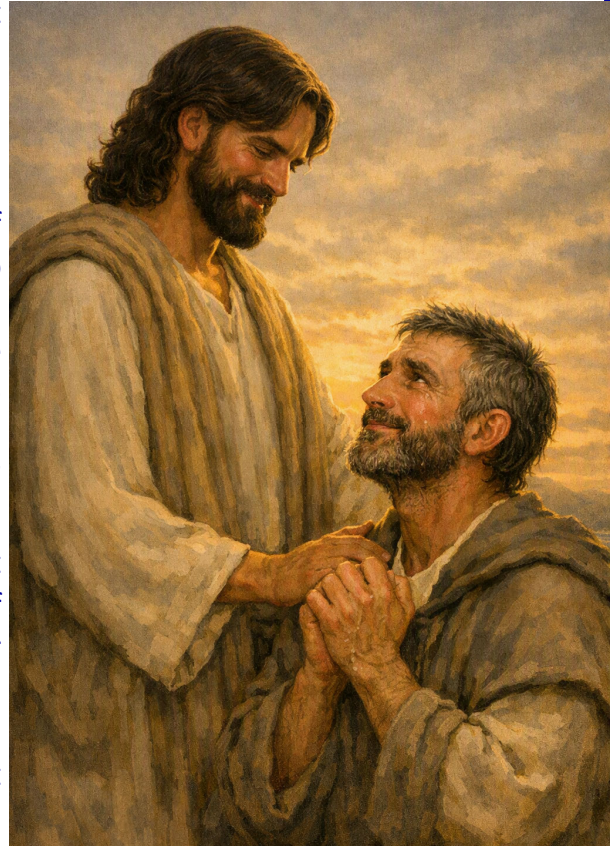
July 18 / 19 \$22,986.00
 July 25 / 26 \$17,737.00
 August 1 / 2 \$18,787.00
 August 8 / 9 \$21,389.00

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 donation envelope
 in order to more
 easily credit
 your account.

Upon This Rock: - A Reflection from Matthew 16:13–20

The evening air in Caesarea Philippi carried the scent of stone and sea. The sun was lowering, gilding the hills with the same light that would soon fall upon a cross. My heart felt the nearness of the hour—the reason I came into the world drawing closer with every breath. I asked My disciples who people said I was. They spoke of prophets and forerunners, voices of the past trying to name the present. But I longed for more than echoes. I wanted the truth that only faith could speak—the revelation born not of human reasoning but of the Father’s whisper.

So, I asked again: **“Who do you say that I am?”** Peter’s voice broke the silence like a wave against rock: **“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”** In that moment, joy rose within Me—not the fleeting joy of praise, but the deep joy of recognition. The Father Himself had opened Peter’s heart to see what others could not. His words were the first stone of a foundation that would endure through centuries, bearing the weight of My Church.



I looked at him—rough-handed, impulsive, faithful Peter—and saw beyond him a long line of shepherds who would guard My flock. Bishops, popes, pastors, saints—each one a living stone built upon the same confession, each one echoing his words: *You are the Christ*. I told him he was blessed, that the gates of the netherworld would never prevail against what was beginning that day. The keys I placed in his hands were not of iron, but of grace—authority born of love, not power. They would open hearts, forgive sins, and bind Heaven to earth.

The sun slipped lower, and the light touched his face. I knew that soon another light would rise—the light of redemption through My death and resurrection. The path ahead would be steep, shadowed by betrayal and suffering, yet filled with purpose. My Church would stand, built upon faith, sustained by My Spirit, alive in every generation. I felt peace as the evening wind stirred the sea. The Father’s plan was unfolding. The rock had been set. The world would never be the same.

And though I told them to speak of it to no one, I knew the time would come when Peter’s voice—and the voices of all who followed him—would proclaim My name to every shore. The sun sank behind the hills, and the sea shimmered with gold and violet. I lingered in the quiet, knowing that the hour of My passion was near, yet My heart was full. The Church was conceived in that moment—not in stone or temple, but in faith, in love, in the hearts of those who would believe.

“Upon this Rock I will build My Church, and though the storms may rage and the world may tremble, the gates of Hell shall NOT prevail against it.”

Mass Intentions

August 15—August 22, 2026

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:

5:00 p.m.: Penny Phillips, RIP

Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Honor of the Holy Family

11:00 a.m.: Genoveva Muñoz, RIP

1:00 p.m.: CiCi Mao, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Enoch Martinez, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Dr. Patrick McAllister, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Ian & Felicia Roppel, INT

7:15 p.m.: Mr. Joey Traini, RIP

Tuesday (+7:15 p.m. in Spanish):

6:00 a.m.: Angie Hernandez, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Lisa Losorelli, B-Day, INT

7:15 p.m.: Joe & Cindy Dunn, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr.. Gregory Goethals, SJ, RIP

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

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

Thursday:

6 a.m.: All Humanity & Th'gvg for Creation

*7:30 a.m.: Jose Luis Morales, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Deceased Religious, Relatives & Benefactors of the Carmel of St Teresa

Friday:

6 a.m.: All Humanity & Th'gvg for Creation

*7:30 a.m.: Maria Teresa Thanh An, INT

8:00 a.m.: Brad Thompson, INT

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Jack Hummel, 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"!

Pilgrimages

The complete itinerary for the following pilgrimage is on the website (OUTSIDE THE PARISH section).

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE with Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD, from November 22—December 3, 2026. Walk in the footsteps of Jesus in Galilee, Tiberius, Caesarea, Cana, Capernaum, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jericho, Mt. Carmel, Jerusalem, etc. Walk the Via Dolorosa, take a two-hour boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, float on the Dead Sea, and much more! \$4,599 each (from LAX). Contact: Albert or Mary Helen Estrada at (626) 533-4839.



*Lord,
your love is eternal;
do not forsake
the work
of your hands.*

Personal Ad

SEEKING A ROOM TO RENT: Lady (with her pet cat) seeks to rent a room in your home with kitchen privileges. If you can help, call Valerie at (626) 713-4420.