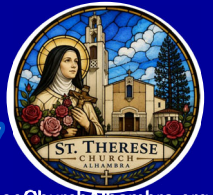




St Therese Catholic Church



August 16, 2026 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org



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

In Residence: Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD;

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

Deacons: Deacon Gilbert Vargas | Deacon Otto Lacayo |

Deacon Rex Owens: Cell #s under CONTACTS on the

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ST. THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL

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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,

Although the Solemnity of the Assumption is not a holy day of obligation this year due to falling on a Saturday, it is still a Solemn Feast of Our Lady, at which I highly encourage you to participate. **Below is an excerpt from one of St. John Paul II's great homilies on this feast!**

Also, let us keep our little school in prayer as we begin the new academic year this week on Wednesday, August 19th!

—Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Let us turn our eyes to the Virgin whom the liturgy invites us to invoke as she who breaks the chains of the oppressed, brings light to the blind, drives away every evil, and implores every good for us (cf. Hymn for Second Vespers).

In presenting the “great sign” of the “woman clothed with the sun,” a passage from the Book of Revelation which says that she “was with child and ... cried out in her pangs of birth, in anguish for delivery” (Rev. 12:2). Mary, when she goes to help her cousin Elizabeth, carries in her womb the Savior, conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Both representations of Mary, the historical one described in the Gospel and the one mentioned in the Book of Revelation, symbolize the Church. The fact that the condition of pregnancy, like the impending birth, the perils of the dragon, and the abduction of the newborn child “caught up to God and to His throne” (Rev 12:4-5) also belong to the “heavenly” Church contemplated in the Apostle John’s vision, is very eloquent and, in the Solemnity of the Assumption, becomes a reason for deep reflection.

Just as the risen Christ, who has ascended into Heaven forever, bears the wounds of His redemptive death within His glorious body and His merciful Heart, so His Mother brings to eternity “the pangs” and “anguish for delivery” (Rev 12:2). And as the Son, through His death, never stops redeeming all who have been begotten by God as His adopted children, thus the new Eve continues from generation to generation to give birth to the new man, “created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness” (Eph 4:24). This is the Church’s eschatological image, which is present and active in the Virgin. At this moment in history, this dimension of Mary’s mystery is more significant than ever. Our Lady, taken up into the glory of God among the saints, is a sure sign of hope for the Church and for all humanity.

The glory of the Mother is a cause of immense joy to all her children, a joy that knows the far-reaching resonance of the sentiment that is typical of popular piety, even though it cannot be reduced to it. It is, so to speak, a theological joy, firmly rooted in the Paschal Mystery. In this sense, the Virgin is “causa nostrae laetitiae — the cause of our joy.”

Taken up into Heaven, Mary shows us the way to God, the way to Heaven, the way to life. She shows it to her children baptized in Christ and to all people of good will. She opens this way especially to the little ones and to the poor, those who are dear to Divine Mercy. The Queen of the world reveals to individuals and to nations the power of the love of God, whose plan upsets that of the proud, pulls down the mighty from their thrones and exalts the humble, fills the hungry with good things, and sends the rich away empty” (cf. Lk 1:51-53).

MORNING RETREAT

FOR THE

HOLY YEAR OF ST JOHN OF THE CROSS

♦ SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026 ♦



8:00 a.m.
Mass celebrated by
Fr. Peter Mary



10:30 a.m.
Private prayer



9:00 a.m.
Rosary led by
Fr. Peter Mary



11:00–12:00 p.m.
Talk by Fr. Robert Elias
on John of the Cross...



9:30 a.m.
Talk by Fr. Peter Mary
"St. John of the Cross and
His Devotion to the Blessed Mother"



12:00 p.m.
Benediction



In the evening of life, we shall be judged on love.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS



COR JESU
YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

COME TO THE FIRE

A COR JESU BEACH BONFIRE

An evening of Prayer, Worship, and Fellowship

**DRESS CODE: Please dress
modesty (no bikinis or speedos)**



RSVP



BONFIRE



WORSHIP
MUSIC



ROSARY
AT SUNSET



SCRIPTURE
REFLECTION



S'MORES
& SNACKS



FELLOWSHIP
UNDER THE STARS

ALL PARISHIONERS
ARE WELCOME
TO JOIN US!

Bring your chair, a blanket, and a friend "

"Were not our hearts burning within us?" (Luke 24:32)

SATURDAY | AUGUST 22 2026 | 5:00 PM—10:00 PM | BRING YOUR
SNACK/DRINK

BOLSA CHICA STATE BEACH

17851 Pacific Coast Highway
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

Come for the Fire • Stay for Him

FIRE PIT LOCATION: GPS COORDINATES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT VIA THE SIGNUP GENIUS.

St. Therese

MOVIE NIGHT!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
in the Parking Lot!

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

**MOVIE STARTS
AT SUNSET**

THE WIZARD OF OZ

AUTHORIZED BY THE WIZARD ONLY

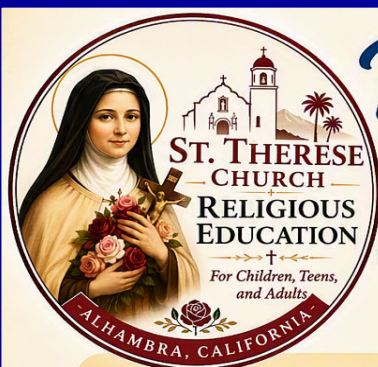
Follow the Yellow Brick Road to...

THE WIZARD OF OZ

Fun for the Whole Family!

- Bring Lawn Chairs & Blankets!
- Popcorn Provided!

The poster features a group of people in costumes from 'The Wizard of Oz'. In the top left, the Wicked Witch of the West is shown in a circular frame. In the top right, the Ruby Slippers are displayed. The central figure is the Wizard, seated at a table with a green cloth, holding a green crystal ball. To his left is the Cowardly Lion, and to his right is the Scarecrow. Behind them are the Tin Man, the Witch, and the Munchkins. In the foreground, the Cowardly Lion is lying down. The background is a colorful landscape with a rainbow and a yellow brick road. The text 'St. Therese' is at the top, and 'MOVIE NIGHT!' is in large, glowing letters. The date 'SATURDAY, AUGUST 29' and 'in the Parking Lot!' are below. A sign on the left says 'Social Hour & Hot Dogs at 7:00 p.m.' and 'MOVIE STARTS AT SUNSET'. The title 'THE WIZARD OF OZ' is in the center. A sign on the right says 'AUTHORIZED BY THE WIZARD ONLY'. At the bottom, it says 'Follow the Yellow Brick Road to... THE WIZARD OF OZ' and 'Fun for the Whole Family!'. Two lines of text at the bottom encourage bringing lawn chairs and blankets, and state that popcorn is provided.



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!***



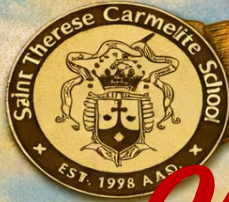
I Heard Her Before She Spoke (Matthew 15:21-28)

I heard her before she ever called out to Me. I knew her pain, her sleepless nights, her helpless love for her daughter. Every tear she had shed was already known to My Father. Nothing about her suffering was hidden from Me. When she cried, **"Lord, Son of David, have pity on me,"** she spoke with a faith that reached beyond boundaries, beyond nations, beyond expectations. My disciples only saw an interruption and tried to intervene to stop her. I saw a beloved daughter. Yet I did not answer her at once.

My silence was not rejection. I was preparing a lesson for those walking beside Me. They still saw the world divided into insiders and outsiders, chosen and unchosen. They did not yet understand how wide My Father's mercy would stretch. As the woman persisted, her faith shone brighter. When I spoke the difficult words about the children's bread, I was drawing into the light what already lived within her heart. She was not discouraged. She trusted. She knew that even the smallest crumb of My mercy was greater than anything the world could offer. **And then she revealed to My disciples what I had seen from the beginning: a faith both humble and fearless.**

My heart rejoiced. Not because she convinced Me, but because she trusted Me. In that moment I could show My followers that God's love is not limited by borders, ancestry, or human expectations. Faith opens the door to grace. **"Daughter, your faith is great."** As I healed her child, I hoped My disciples would remember not only the miracle, but the woman. They would one day carry My Gospel to every nation. Before they could do that, they needed to see this truth: **No one who comes to Me in faith is a stranger to My heart.**





Saint Therese Carmelite School

Faith • Academics • Virtue

Welcome Back Students!



Plant the Seed
Schedule a Tour
Nurture the Roots
Apply
Apply
Meet & Assess
Sprout Connections
Decision Letter
Bloom with Joy
STCS Home!
Flourish at STCS!



OPEN ENROLLMENT TK – 8th Grade

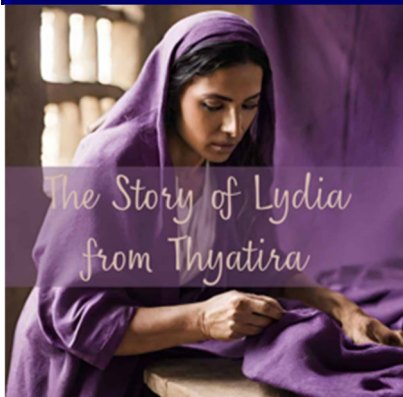







Tour → Apply → Interview → Letter → Register → Grow!

The Flame of Love: The Greatest Gift of Grace for Our Time



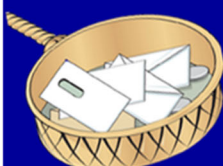
**"If you consider me a believer in the Lord, come and stay at my home."
—St. Lydia of Thyatira**

St. Lydia of Thyatira, a successful businesswoman from the city of Thyatira in Asia Minor, is remembered as the first documented convert to Christianity in Europe (Acts 16:14–15).

In Acts 16:11–15, Lydia, from Thyatira, is described as a “dealer in purple cloth.” Thyatira is a city in Asia Minor famous for its dyeing industry. While in Philippi, she was at a riverbank with other women when Paul and his companions began preaching. The Lord “opened her heart” to hear Paul’s message, and she and her household were baptized. She then invited Paul and his companions to stay in her home, which became a meeting place for the early Church.

Her story is deeply connected to the Eucharist through her role in the early Church’s life and mission. It emphasizes that faith is not just belief but something lived out in love and service. Her life shows how the Eucharist’s themes of welcome, forgiveness, and unity can be lived in daily hospitality and community. In her example, the Eucharist becomes a living presence in the world—welcoming strangers, sharing meals, and building a home for the Gospel.

Financial Offerings



August 8 / 9, 2026

Unrestricted..... \$20,309.00
 Restricted \$ 1,080.00
TOTAL..... \$21,389.00

July 11/12 \$15,380.00
 July 18 / 19 \$22,986.00
 July 25 / 26 \$17,737.00
 August 1 / 2 \$18,787.00

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

Mass Intentions

August 15—August 22, 2026

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:

5:00 p.m.: Therese Hong Nguyen, RIP

Sunday:

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

7:30 a.m.: Fr. Raymond Bueno, INT

9:00 a.m.: Milton Chow, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Rhony & Ruth Laigo, INT

1:00 p.m.: Isaac & Damian Zino, B-Days, INT

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Ian & Felicia Roppel, INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Chon Muñoz, RIP

7:15 p.m.: All Humanity & Thanksgiving
for God's Creation, INT

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

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

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

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Gregory Goethals, SJ, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Norman Gomez, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Tito Sia, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Teresa, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Benjamin Urzua, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Gertrude Sajulga, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Patricia Brundige, INT

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

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Henry Ramirez, RIP

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

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

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Mary Rose & Patrick Rosal, 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

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.



The Encounter Summer Intensive will equip you to live the Gospel with confidence and power. Through teaching, prayer, and practical training rooted in our Faith, learn how to recognize God's voice, pray with others, and step more fully into the mission of the Church. It's on August 22 & 29 at St Philip's in Pasadena. Scan the QR code or see the STC website or our e-blast for registration info.

ENCOUNTER
LOS ANGELES CAMPUS

Summer Intensive / Intensivo de Verano

"Come and See" Quarters 1-4 in just 2 days!
¡Ven y verás los trimestres 1-4 en solo 2 días!



*We will have an English and a Spanish track
*Habrá un programa en español y otro en inglés

Saturday (Sábado)
August 22: 9 am - 6 pm

Saturday (Sábado)
August 29: 9 am - 6 pm

Registration
Required:
Requiere
Registro:



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.