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St. Therese Catholic Church



November 2, 2025 1100 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra CA 91801 (Office: 510 North El Molino Street) | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)



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

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

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

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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,

This weekend we have the two great days of All Saints and All Souls. All Souls' Day is so important that this year it takes the place of the regular Sunday Liturgy. **Below is a meditation for All Souls' Day from Pope Benedict XVI.**

Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, OCD



"After celebrating the Solemnity of All Saints, today the Church invites us to commemorate all the faithful departed, to turn our eyes to the many faces who have gone before us and who have ended their earthly journey. So, at today's Audience, I would like to offer a few simple thoughts on the reality of death, which for us Christians is illuminated by the Resurrection of Christ. Human beings have always cared for their dead and sought to give them a sort of second life through attention, care and affection. In a way, we want to preserve their experience of life; and,

paradoxically, by looking at their graves, we discover how they lived, what they loved, what they feared, what they hoped for and what they hated. They are almost a mirror of their world.

"Why is this so? Because, despite the fact that death is an almost forbidden subject and that there is a continuous attempt to banish the thought of it from our minds, death touches each of us. And before this mystery we all, even unconsciously, search for something to give us hope, a sign that might bring us consolation or offer us a future once more. The road to death, in reality, is a way of hope and it passes through our cemeteries and fulfills a journey marked by the hope of eternity. Yet, we wonder, why do we feel fear before death? Why has humanity, for the most part, not resigned itself to the belief that beyond life there is simply nothing? I would say that there are multiple answers: we are afraid of death because we fear nothingness and of leaving this world for something we don't know. We have a sense of rejection because we can't accept that all that is beautiful should be suddenly erased. Above all, we feel that love calls and asks for eternity and it is impossible to accept that it is destroyed by death in an instant.

"Furthermore, we fear in the face of death because, when we find ourselves approaching the end of our lives, there is a perception that our actions will be judged, the way in which we have lived our lives, above all, those moments of darkness which we often skillfully remove or try to remove from our conscience. I would say that precisely the question of judgment often underlies man of all time's concern for the dead, the attention paid to the people who were important to him and are no longer with him on the journey through earthly life. In a certain sense the gestures of affection and love which surround the deceased are a way to protect him in the conviction that they will have an effect on the judgment. This we can gather from the majority of cultures that characterize the history of man.

"Dear friends, the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed tell us that only those who can recognize a great hope in death can live a life based on hope. If we reduce man exclusively to that which can be perceived empirically, life itself loses its profound meaning. Man needs eternity, for every other hope is too brief, too limited for him. Man can be explained only if there is a Love which overcomes every isolation, even that of death, in a totality which also transcends time and space. Man can be explained—and can find his deepest meaning—only if there is God. And we know that God left His distance for us and made Himself close. He entered into our lives and tells us: 'I am the Resurrection and the Life; he who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die' (John 11:25-26).

"Every Sunday when we recite the Creed, we reaffirm this truth. And in going to cemeteries to pray with affection and love for our departed, we are invited once more to renew with courage and with strength our faith in eternal life, indeed to live with this great hope and to bear witness to it in the world: behind the present there is not nothing. And faith in eternal life gives to Christians the courage to love our earth ever more intensely and to work in order to build a future for it, to give it a true and sure hope."

FREE "MEDICARE INFO" MEETING

Deacon Rex Owens has again arranged for this free informational meeting to be held here at St. Therese on **Sunday, November 16, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.** We had it



here last June, and it was very well attended.

Jim Aust, a volunteer and parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, will present this session about **Medicare in 2025**, your choices, and what counseling resources are available. The presentation will be held in the **Parish Meeting Room** (upstairs in the Parish Center).

If you are on Medicare, or soon to be, it's good to think about your secondary health and/or prescription drug insurance plans. Plans change every year, so it's important to review them to keep yourself in the best coverage at the lowest price. **Note:** This is **not** a sales pitch for insurance companies or plans; **there is no fee.** It is open to anyone, including family members.

Please register by WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12,
at <https://forms.gle/2Ufp4vRuMKMrEhts6>
or email Deacon Rex at deaconrex@outlook.com.

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*



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

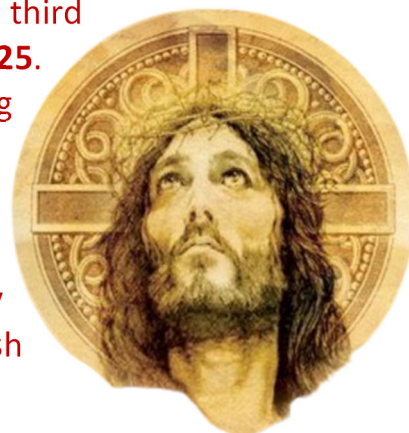
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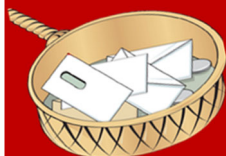
Fr. Stephen's classes are normally held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. However, he will be on retreat for the second week of November. So, his classes for November will be on **Tuesday, November 18** (the third Tuesday) **AND Tuesday, November 25.**

At his last class, he began speaking about Jesus Christ. He will continue to do so on November 18.

Each class in this series can stand on its own, so you may join at any time (7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Center (upstairs)).



Financial Offerings



October 25 / 26, 2025

Unrestricted..... \$23,257.00
Restricted \$ 1,700.00
T O T A L.....\$24,957.00

September 27 / 28... \$15,297.00
October 4 / 5 \$20,608.00
October 11 / 12 \$38,057.00
October 18 / 19 \$18,445.00

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



Saint Therese Carmelite School

Faith Academics Virtue

RUMMAGE SALE

**DONATION DROP-OFFS
IN HALL NOVEMBER 4 - 6**



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!

**SALE IS
NEXT
WEEKEND!**

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

November 8-9th

Due to space constraints, items only accepted between
November 4 and 6. Thank you!

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Eucharistic Adoration

"Come to Me, all who are
weary and burdened, and I
will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28

"She is little known but the Church is deeply indebted to her, not only because of the holiness of her life but also because, with her great fervor, she contributed to the institution of one of the most important solemn liturgies of the year: Corpus Christi." This quote was made by Pope Benedict on November 17, 2000, about St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon (1192–April 5, 1258—Feast Day, April 6).

Juliana was born in Retinnes (now Fléron), near Liège, Belgium, around 1192. In 1206, she became an Augustinian nun and devoted herself to the sick in the convent's hospital and leprosarium. When she was 16, she had her first vision, which recurred several times during her times in Eucharistic adoration. These visions from Christ were of the full moon obscured by a dark spot. Juliana came to discern that the moon represented the Church's liturgical year, and the dark spot was a missing feast in honor of Christ's presence in the Sacrament. Juliana kept this revelation secret for about 20 years. She then shared it with some of her nuns and consulted some theologians, including one who later became Pope Urban IV. Facing opposition, she patiently and quietly continued to pray for this feast until her death.

A few years after her death, the office for the feast of Corpus Christi was written by St. Thomas Aquinas and was sanctioned for the whole Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. Pope John XXII made the feast mandatory in the Roman Church in 1312. St. Juliana's mystical visions and profound love for the Eucharist were central to her spiritual life. Her life of sacrifice and devotion to the Eucharist made her an important figure in the medieval Church.



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, **GOING MY WAY**, starring Bing Crosby and Barry Fitzgerald. This film—which won EIGHT Academy Awards—is about Fr. Chuck O'Malley's assignment in a parish with an Irish priest. He connects with a gang of kids looking for direction, 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



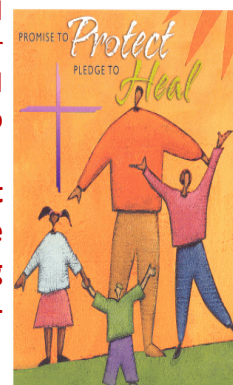
stuffing, mashed potatoes, jars of turkey gravy, etc.), by bringing them **to the Parish Hall** on that Sunday only. **ALSO, if you would like to volunteer to help package and/or distribute the groceries, email**

**Deacon Gil Vargas at
deacongilv@gmail.com**

Safeguard the Children

DID YOU KNOW? Facts about physical grooming: The term "grooming" refers to the way in which a predator tries to mold and set up his victims and their families, in order to gain access to a child and cause harm, all while appearing innocent. The first of the three types of grooming is physical, and it involves touch. A predator starts with innocent touches—back pats, appropriate hugs—and then moves on to tickling, wrestling, etc.—conditioning the child to increasing levels of physical contact. Over time, the predator conditions the child to accept all forms of touch, progressing to sexual contact.

For more information about physical grooming, read the VIRTUS® article "The Grooming Process" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.



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.

IN THE HANDS OF GOD

A Reflection on God's Eternal Mercy



The readings for today's liturgy proclaim the heart of our Catholic faith: that in Christ, death is not the end, but the beginning of eternal life. They offer comfort to the grieving, hope to the faithful, and a reminder of the mercy that flows from the heart of God.

Wisdom 3:1–9 opens with a radiant truth: "The souls of the just are in the hand of God." Though the world may see death as loss, the Church sees it as a passage into peace. The faithful departed are not forgotten—they are purified in Purgatory, then gathered into the Communion of Saints. Their hope was full of immortality,

and now they rest in the light of God's presence.

Psalm 23 deepens this assurance. "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil." The Lord is our Shepherd—not only in life, but in death. His rod and staff comfort us, and His goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives. In every funeral Mass, we proclaim this truth: that Christ leads His flock through death into eternal life.

Romans 5:5–11 anchors this promise in the Paschal Mystery. "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." This is the measure of divine love—not earned, but freely given. Through His death and resurrection, we are reconciled to the Father. This grace is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, especially through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Reconciliation. In Christ, mercy is not a concept—it is a Person who walks with us.

John 6:37–40 reveals the Eucharistic promise: "I shall not lose anyone who comes to me." Jesus, the Bread of Life, assures us that all who believe and receive Him will be raised on the last day. This is the will of the Father—that none be lost, but all be saved. In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we participate in this mystery, offering prayers for the living and the dead, confident that Christ holds all things together.

These readings invite us to entrust our loved ones—and ourselves—to God's mercy. Death becomes the doorway to eternal communion. Let us pray for the souls of the faithful departed, that they may rest in peace and rise in glory. And let us live with the same hope that sustained them: the hope of resurrection, the promise of eternal life, and the joy of being united with Christ forever.

Mass Intentions

November 1—November 8, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Josie Villacorta, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Maria Donna Le, INT

7:30 am Michael Alexander/Lauren Cheah, INT

9:00 a.m.: Kim Sajulga Sia, INT

11:00 a.m.: All Humanity and Thanksgiving
for God's Creation, INT

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): All Souls in Purgatory

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: All Souls Novena 1

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

8:00 a.m.: Ronaldo Cuarto, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Edlyn Redona, RIP

Tuesday (Spanish):

6 a.m.: Michele, Edmond, & Ryan Sy Su, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Susan Morgan, RIP

8:00 a.m.: All Souls Novena 2

7:15 p.m.: Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Averyl Rose Sia, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Joanne Vu, Birthday INT

8:00 a.m.: All Souls Novena 3

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Edgar Lopez, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: All Souls Novena 4

First Friday:

6:00 a.m.: All Souls Novena 5

*7:30 a.m.: Maria May Josephine Peralta RIP

8:00 a.m.: Ednalyn Uy, INT

7:15 p.m. Virgilio & Edgar Lopez, RIP

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: All Souls Novena 6

***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

**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,
for \$5,450 per person.**

For more information, see
the itinerary on the home

page of our website or contact the Tour Leader,
Beth Maddatu, by emailing her at
maddatubeth2@gmail.com or calling 408-903-
6305.



Outside the Parish

Please support your local PREGNANCY HELP
CENTER by attending the...

2025 Annual Gala Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction

...hosted by **Guadalupe
Pregnancy Center Services.** This
year's theme is *Our Lady of
Champion - "Gather the children
and teach them their catechism..."*



DATE: Saturday, November 8

TIME: 6:00 PM

ADMISSION: \$100 per person

PLACE: St. Anthony Parish Hall

1901 South San Gabriel Boulevard, SG

TICKETS: Go to the website <http://www.pregnancy-gps.org> for tickets, more information, to make a pledge, or wish to reserve a table of eight (8).

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

+ IRENE VASQUEZ
Mother of Lorraine Jimenez

Irene's funeral Mass will be on Saturday,
November 8, at 10:00 a.m.