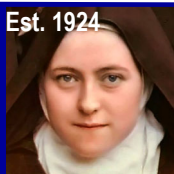


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"Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

"Feed my lambs."

Simon Peter and six others went fishing, but caught nothing. At dawn, Jesus was on the shore and he said to them, "Have you caught anything?" They answered, "No." So, He said, "Cast the net to the right side and you will find something." They cast it and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." Simon Peter then jumped into the sea and swam to shore. When the rest climbed out on shore, they saw a fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught and have breakfast" (John 21).

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.

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

As we enter this month dedicated to Our Lady, we also remember that this is the month celebrating the centenary of St. Therese's canonization. To be more exact, the anniversary date is May 17, for which we're planning a special morning of recollection honoring her (see Page Three). It will begin with the 8:00 a.m. morning Mass, then a Eucharistic procession that will include the statue and a relic of St. Therese, a conference on her life, and finally a Holy Hour with Benediction. Please join us to celebrate our Patroness! To recognize both her and Our Lady, in the box below is **Part I of Therese's famous poem on Our Lady entitled, "Why I Love You, O Mary!"**

And let us also remember the College of Cardinals in our prayers as they gather in the conclave to elect our next Pope!

—Fr. Peter Mary, O.C.D.



Introduction to the Text

Therese, already very sick, confides to her sister Celine: "I still have something to do before I die. I have always dreamed of writing a song to the Holy Virgin that would express all that I think of her" (Apostolic Process, Rome, 268). It is her last poem, like a will. Therese signs it with a failing hand, a humble and moving finale to her entire poetic work.

In May 1897, she had begun to realize that her writings, including her poetry, would probably be diffused. She considered her thoughts on Mary to be an integral part of the significant work under preparation, perhaps the crowning achievement. Therese will give here the reasons for her filial love for Mary. In gathering together here her thoughts on the Virgin, she is not giving a list of ideas, but the fruit of her meditation and of her personal relationship with the Virgin Mary.

The request that Sister Mary of the Sacred Heart makes of her along the same lines therefore anticipates an extremely deep desire of Therese herself. Sister Genevieve was right to note that Therese composed this swan-song "by herself, in every sense of the word." It is in prayer that this long poem should be received. It is a sort of liturgical hymn of 200 alexandrines, composed during the month of May 1897 (four months before her death). With regard to the Virgin Mary, the only thing that concerns her is her real life, rather than her life as imagined! She instinctively turns to the Gospels, her only source of inspiration from then on.

Her heart-based understanding had been refined in recent months in a thousand ways, but especially in two areas: the mystery of suffering, under the mill-wheel of trial; and the extent of the requirements of charity, resulting in special lights—the whole, being wrapped in silence.

Her eyes fixed on Mary, Therese made silence the great rampart of her whole contemplative life. It was stronger than ever in the night of faith. In the last stanza, Number 25, we can see hope being pointed to in the heart of her great suffering. We see all the themes of her filial love resumed in the single line: "She is my Mother!" **On July 8, 1897, upon being transferred downstairs to the infirmary, Therese finds the "Virgin of the Smile" there to welcome her. An hour before her death on September 30th, she gazed at her for a long time.**

100th Anniversary of Canonization

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

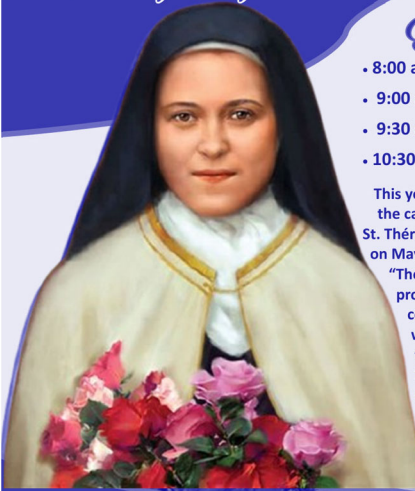


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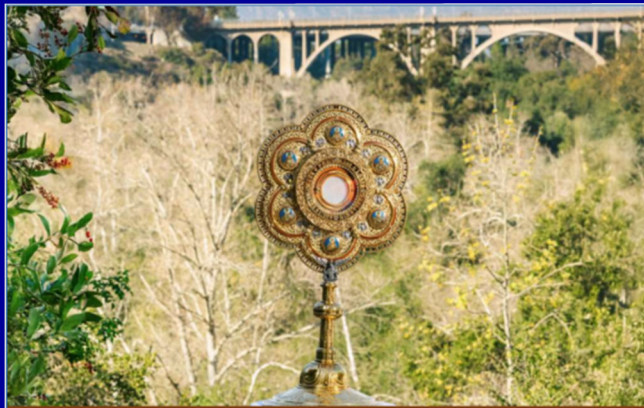
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This year marks the 100th anniversary of the canonization of our beloved patroness, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, who was declared a saint on May 17, 1925, by Pope Pius XI. Known as "The Little Flower," Thérèse's simple yet profound path of love and trust 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 ON SATURDAY, MAY 17, beginning with the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Philip in Pasadena.

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.

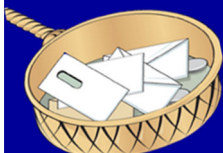
As preparation for the Procession, parishioners are also invited to pray the **Novena to the Holy Eucharist from May 8 through May 16** (see QR code below right). Fr. Peter Mary and other friars will be participating.

For details, go to
[PasadenaEucharisticRevival.](#)



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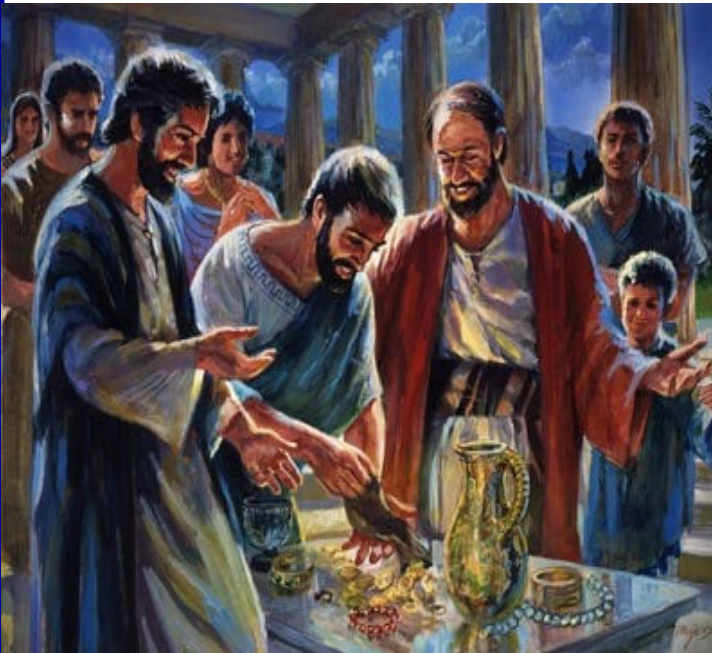


This weekend, May 3 and 4, members of GPS (Guadalupe Pregnancy Center Services) will be outside the church after every Mass to hand out empty baby bottles. Please take one and fill it with coins, bills, or checks and bring it back with you when you come to Mass on the **collection weekend, May 17th & 18th**.

Mothers are honored and appreciated at GPS! **Donations of mom's essential supplies are welcome!** Please place your donations in the playpen in front of the church. Some suggested items to donate are: New/gently-used Maternity Clothes; Feminine hygiene products; Toiletries: lotion, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, hand soap, Q-tips, etc.; Cleaning supplies: detergent, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, etc.

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

Fr. Steve's next class will be on **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).

Cloistered Carmelite Nuns Auxiliary Fundraiser

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All funds will support the needs of Saint Therese Carmelite School.

We appreciate your generosity!

Reminder... The **RUMMAGE SALE** is going on **THIS** weekend (Saturday and Sunday) from **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** each day.

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Eucharistic Adoration

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

Matthew 11:28

"There is no more efficacious means than this (Eucharistic Adoration) for nourishing and increasing the people's piety toward this admirable pledge of love, which is a bond of peace and unity."

-St Paschal Baylon



St. Pascal Baylon (the patron saint of the Eucharist and Love for the Poor—1540–1592; feast day, May 17) was born on May 12, 1540, in the Kingdom of Aragon. He joined the Franciscan Order at the age of 23 and spent most of his life as a lay brother, working as a shepherd and later as a cook in his monastery. Despite his humble beginnings, he was known for his deep devotion to the Eucharist and his love for the poor. He would often spend long hours in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and was known to perform miracles through his prayers. He was so devoted to the Blessed Sacrament that he was said to have had a vision of angels adoring the Eucharist.

St. Pascal Baylon was a keynote speaker at the Eucharistic Congress of 1564 and is said to have performed many miracles during the event. In addition to his devotion to the Eucharist, St. Pascal was known for his deep love for the poor. He would often give away his own food and clothing to those in need and was known for his compassionate and selfless nature. He once said, "The love of God is like a fire that enflames the heart; the more we feed it, the stronger it grows."

Be a Committed Adorer! Sign up by scanning this QR code with your phone! ➡

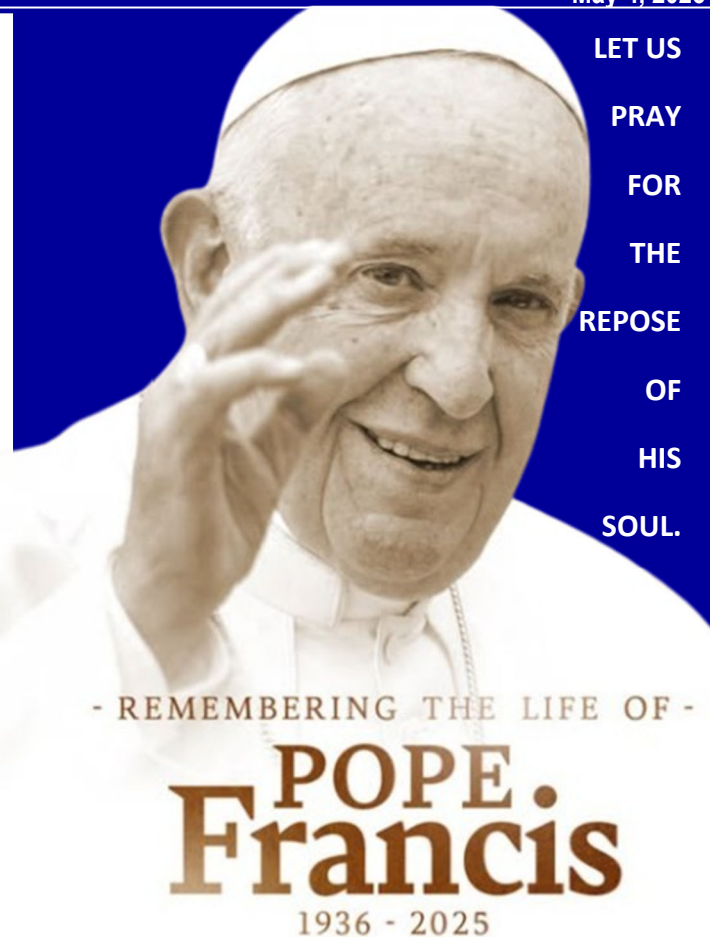


MOVIE NIGHT ON MAY 31

Fr. Peter Mary invites EVERYONE to our next Movie Night on our outdoor Big Screen! It will be on **Saturday, May 31, beginning at 7:00 p.m.** The Knights and other ministries will provide food for dinner. Our feature will be the classic family favorite, *My Fair Lady*, with Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison.



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PRAY
FOR
THE
REPOSE
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Learn How to Help "Foster Children"

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.



Mass Intentions

May 3—May 10, 2025

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Damaris Shower, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Deceased Religious, Relatives, and Benefactors of the Carmel of St Teresa

7:30 a.m.: Emily Cheah, Birthday INT

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Mauro Robles, RIP

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

5:00 p.m.: Gilberto Gomez, RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: John Hummel, RIP

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

8:00 a.m.: Albert & Mary Helen Estrada, INT

7:15 p.m.: Jose Kenzelman, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Eden Uy Sy Su, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: John and Hazel LaCross, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

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

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Poor Souls in Purgatory

7:30 a.m.: Mazlar Amini & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Brandon Ascencio, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Mrs. Jessie Martinez, RIP

7:30 a.m.: All Humanity/Th'gvg for God's Creation, INT

8:00 a.m.: Erick Lopez, Birthday INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Victims of the Wildfires

7:30 a.m.: John Pederson & Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Virgilio Lopez, RIP

Saturday Morning

7:30 a.m.: Cloistered Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Julia Munoz, RIP

*Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel (215 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra).

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

"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.

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE, AND ITALY with Fr. Julius Ntalo, OCD: Join this 14-day pilgrimage from July 11 to 24, 2025, to all four countries listed in the title. For more info and to receive an itinerary, contact ABM Tours at 310-514-3323 or 408-903-6305 or maddatubeth2@gmail.com. See more info at abmtours.com.

CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE (JUBILEE 2025) TO ITALY - Rome, Naples & Florence - AUGUST 25 - SEPTEMBER 2—Roundtrip non-stop flight from LA to Rome on Norse Atlantic Airways in Premium Classic, six nights at well-located historic and comfortable city-center accommodations with private bath and AC. Daily Holy Mass, breakfast & dinner. \$4280 (double rm. occupancy) from LAX / +\$395 single room supplement. For itinerary, contact: Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186 or call Sacred Heart Tours at 1-845-594-2222 (P.O. Box 384 - Burton, TX 77835).



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