



St. Therese Catholic Church

August 20, 2023 | 510 North El Molino Street | Alhambra CA 91801 | (626) 282-2744 | www.StThereseChurchAlhambra.org Est. 1924



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. and 7:15 p.m.
(Tuesday's evening Mass is in Spanish).
Carmelite Nuns' Chapel: 7:30 a.m., Mon.-Sat.

Note: the daily 8:00 a.m., the Monday evening 7:15 p.m.,
and the Sunday 11:00 a.m., Masses are all **LIVE
STREAMED** on Facebook AND YouTube)
Rosary: Mon-Sat after 8:00 a.m. Mass

CONFESSIONS: Wednesdays from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.;
Saturdays 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
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See our **VIDEOS** on the School's Facebook page



SACRAMENTS

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

The Pastor's Letter



Brothers and Sisters of St. Therese, I encourage you to capitalize on all the graces afforded to us through the special years dedicated to our patroness. As you continue to go deeper into St. Therese's life, realize that she has something to say to all of us. As she assures us: "In my 'little way,' everything is most ordinary; everything I do must be within the reach of other little souls also." That's you and me. And she is waiting for us to call upon her. Many miracles have occurred through her intercession. Find something to identify with in her life and you will find a path to your sanctification, because our God calls us to sanctify the ordinary in our lives.

-Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, O.C.D.

MANUSCRIPT A, 2r-4r (Part 2)

Springtime story of a little white flower written by herself and dedicated to the Reverend Mother Agnes of Jesus:

I understood, too, that Our Lord's love is revealed as perfectly in the most simple soul who resists His grace in nothing as in the most excellent soul; in fact, since the nature of love is to humble oneself, if all souls resembled those of the holy Doctors who illumined the Church with the clarity of their teachings, it seems God would not descend so low when coming to their heart. But He created the child who knows only how to make his feeble cries heard; He has created the poor savage who has nothing but the natural law to guide him. It is to their hearts that God deigns to lower Himself. These are the wild flowers whose simplicity attracts Him. When coming down in this way, God manifests His infinite grandeur. Just as the sun shines simultaneously on the tall cedars and on each little flower as though it were alone on the earth, so Our Lord is occupied particularly with each soul as though there were no others like it. And just as in nature all the seasons are arranged in such a way as to make the humblest daisy bloom on a set day, in the same way, everything works out for the good of each soul.

Perhaps you are wondering, dear Mother, with some astonishment, where I am going from here, for up until now I've said nothing that resembles the story of my life. But you asked me to write under no constraint whatever would come into my mind. It is not, then, my life, properly so-called, that I am going to write; it is my thoughts on the graces God deigned to grant me. I find myself at a period in my life when I can cast a glance on the past; my soul has matured in the crucible of exterior and interior trials. And now, like a flower strengthened by the storm, I can raise my head and see the words of Psalm 22 realized in me: "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want; He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me..." To me the Lord has always been "merciful and good, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love" (Ps. 102, v. 8).

It is with great happiness, then, that I come to sing the mercies of the Lord with you, dear Mother. It is for you alone I am writing the story of the little flower gathered by Jesus. I will talk freely and without any worries as to the numerous digressions I will make. A mother's heart understands her child even when it can but stammer, and so I'm sure of being understood by you, who formed my heart, offering it up to Jesus!

It seems to me that if a little flower could speak, it would tell simply what God has done for it without trying to hide its blessings. It would not say, under the pretext of a false humility, it is not beautiful or without perfume, that the sun has taken away its splendor and the storm has broken its stem when it knows that all this is untrue. The flower about to tell her story rejoices at having to publish the totally gratuitous gifts of Jesus. She knows that nothing in herself was capable of attracting the divine glances, and His mercy alone brought about everything that is good in her.

It was He who had her born in a holy soil, impregnated with a virginal perfume. It was He, too, who has her preceded by eight Lilies of dazzling whiteness. In His love He wished to preserve His little flower from the world's poisoned breath. Hardly had her petals begun to unfold when this divine Savior transplanted her to Mount Carmel where already two Lilies, who had taken care of her in the springtime of her life, spread their sweet perfume. Seven years have passed by since the little flower took root in the garden of the Spouse of Virgins, and now three Lilies bloom in her presence. A little farther off, another lily expands under the eyes of Jesus. The two stems who brought these flowers into existence are now reunited for all eternity in the heavenly Fatherland. There they have found once again the four Lilies the earth had not seen develop. Oh! may Jesus deign not to allow a long time to pass on these strange shores for the flowers left in exile. May the Lily plant be soon complete in Heaven!

I have just summed up in a few words, dear Mother, what God did for me. Now I will go into detail about the years of my childhood. I realize that here where others would see nothing but a tedious recital, your motherly heart will find some facts that are charming. Besides, the memories I'm about to evoke are also yours since my childhood unfolded near you, and I have the good fortune to belong to Parents without equal who surrounded us both with the same cares and the same tenderness. Oh! May they bless the littlest of their children and help her to sing the divine mercies!

Sing-A-Long with

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

When:

Saturday, August 26
7:00 to 10:30 p.m.

Where:

The St. Therese
Church Parking Lot

Who:

YOU!... families,
couples, singles...
EVERYONE!!

Bring:

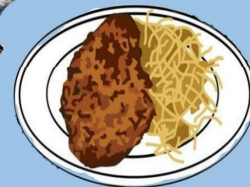
Lawn chairs,
blankets, snacks,
*flashlights! (*for
the Nazi scene)

What:

A night singing along to the movie, The Sound of Music, a story based on the real life story of the Von Trapp Family singers. Sing timeless Rodgers & Hammerstein songs such as Do-RE-Mi, My Favorite Things, Edelweiss, So Long, Farewell and, of course, The Sound of Music. Come dressed as one of YOUR favorite things (or characters) and prepare to take over as the stars of the show. The friars will provide popcorn and lemonade; Vox Vitae will provide fresh chocolate chip cookies.



My Favorite Things



FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you for giving from your heart! Below you will find the total collection for last weekend, as well as for the previous four weekends. Note: There is a second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH for our School.



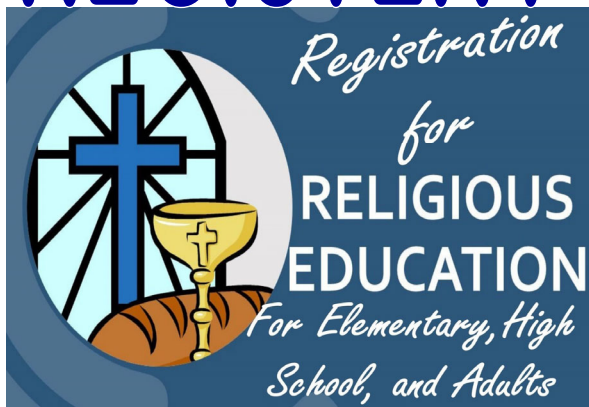
August 12 / 13, 2023

Unrestricted..... \$20,009.00
Restricted \$ 120.00
T O T A L.....\$20,129.00

July 15 / 16\$11,866.00
July 22 / 23\$17,168.00
July 29 / 30\$12,753.00
August 5 / 6\$16,172.00

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

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS ED!



It's that time of year again! CLASSES WILL START THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10! To register, stop by the tables in front of the Hall after TODAY'S MORNING MASSES. Or... download the appropriate registration form from the website (Rel. Educ.) and then bring it to the office with the registration fee (cash or check) and, if applicable, a copy of each student's baptism certificate. The schedule is also on our website.

Registration is for non-sacramental and Sacramental classes (First Holy Communion 1 & 2 and Confirmation 1 & 2), as well as for RCIA for Adults.

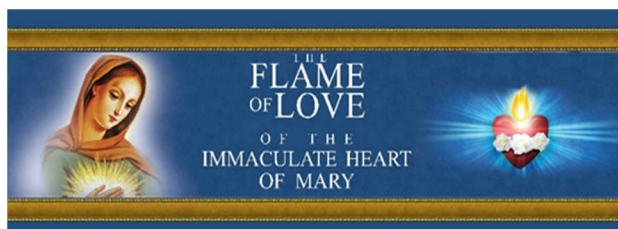
Safeguard the Children - Did You Know?

Safeguarding God's Children



The importance of respecting a child's boundaries—Children have the right to set their own boundaries based on what they are comfortable with. One way to be a safe adult is to honor these boundaries to the best of our abilities. For example, if a child doesn't want to high five, we can honor that desire and find another way to celebrate, maybe with a wave or a friendly smile. When we respond positively to a child's preferred interactions, we show them that their comfort does matter and should be respected whenever possible. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "How Safe Adults Can Maintain Health Boundaries" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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



Jesus said: "Let all your actions be done with the purpose of helping them. In union with Me, desire that these souls contemplate My Face as early as possible. Offer for them the strict fast as well as prayers during a part of the night."

Living in the Flame – Weekly Agenda—Monday: For the Holy Souls. + Fasting and Night Vigil

Promises: 1) "Anyone fasting on bread and water on Monday will free each time the soul of a priest from the place of suffering. ...Whoever practices this will receive the grace of being liberated from the place of suffering within eight days after his or her death." 2) "If priests observe this Monday fast, in all the Holy Masses that they celebrate that week, at the moment of Consecration, they will free innumerable souls from Purgatory."

3) "Consecrated souls and the faithful who keep the Monday fast will free a multitude of souls each time they receive Communion that week."

Join the Cenacle: Two cenacle sessions are available in the Avila Room every Monday. One from Noon to 2:00 p.m., the other one from 5:00 to 6:45 p.m. The Flame of Love books are available for sale in the parish offices.

If you have any questions, please contact Maru Lazatin at (626) 675-3080.



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*The Little Way
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DATE CHANGE: Friday, October 13, 2023

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 advertisements today!**



**SCHOOL STARTS
 THIS WEEK...
 on Wednesday,
 August 23!**

Welcome Back, Students!

Confession Time Change

Please note that the confessions times on Saturday are now 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., so that they are not heard during Mass. All confessions are **INSIDE**. Thank you for your understanding!

Gospel Meditation



This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What He does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs His mercy for her daughter tormented by a demon. Shockingly, He responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in prayer? Does that justify the pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow, she intuits that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings—and her daughter's, too—will be relieved. We can see that the Lord wants us to treat Him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us—lost little dogs that we are—into His home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

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The Real St. Therese

Therese's whole being, knowing that it did not have an earthly future here below, revealed, as it were in itself, the eternity that was soon to lay hold of it. Or, more profoundly,



An installment from
The Passion of Thérèse of Lisieux by Guy Gaucher, OCD

Therese remained the child that she was. Let us try to explain this fine point as clearly as possible. We are not saying that Therese's spiritual childhood was a continuation of her early childhood. She herself says very positively that she left behind "the swaddling bands of infancy." This does not mean that she did not always have that wonderful ingenuity, so acclaimed by all poets: "I have lost childhood," wrote the French Catholic writer Georges Bernanos, "I will only be able to regain it through sanctity." Therese never completely lost it, although her maturity was exceptional.

But how can we differentiate between what was the continuation of her childhood and what was regained through the triumph of grace? On this point, the Last Conversations seem to defy analysis. "Therese was truly herself in these last months, and did not repress anything that rose up from the depths of her being. This was not due to any relaxation, through weakness or lack of perseverance, of that strict control that she had imposed on herself during the whole of her religious life."

Now a threshold had been crossed. All her deepest inclinations were expressed. Moreover, the weakness that resulted from her illness no longer allowed her to stop these inclinations at will: her heart was laid bare and was revealed to be the heart of a child.

Mass Intentions

Pilgrimages

August 19—August 26, 2023

Saturday Evening:

5:00 p.m.: Tito Sia, RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: (Carm): Maria and Luke Jaeger, INT

7:30 a.m.: Linda DeTardo, RIP

9:00 a.m.: Lucy Mary Hernandez, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Engracia Vales, RIP

1:00 p.m.: David Steele, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Raymond Anthony Cuevas, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Jaeger Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Engracia Vales, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Michelle Mestes, INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Karina Laigo, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Angelle Laigo, INT

8:00 a.m.: Engracia Vales, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Edna Mancao, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Raymond Anthony Cuevas, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Sr. Lucia T. Trinh, DC, 19th Anniv INT

8:00 a.m.: Engracia Vales, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Johanna Cuevas, INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Ingrid Solichin, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Garfiss Family, INT

8:00 a.m.: Engracia Vales, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Johanna Cuevas, INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Joy Fan Solichin, Birthday INT

*7:30 a.m.: Lisa Losorelli, INT

8:00 a.m.: Mary DeSantis, RIP

7:15 p.m.: Johanna Cuevas, INT

Saturday Morning:

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Nuns' Community INT

8:00 a.m.: Alicia Maria Guadalupe Ortega, RIP

***Held at the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel. The Carmel's Chapel is open to the public every day except Sundays and holidays.**

LIVE STREAMED MASSES:

The 8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday—Saturday), the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, and the 7:15 p.m. Monday evening Mass are live streamed on Facebook AND YouTube. Links to those two sites are on our website's home page (in the top left column).

Pilgrimage^s



Join the Carmelite Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of St. Therese of Lisieux & St. Elizabeth of the Trinity," from Sept 28-Oct 11, incl. Paris, Lourdes, Ars, etc. Chaplains are Fr. Mark Kissner, OCD, and Fr. Joseph Mary Tran, OCD.

Contact Beth Maddatu at (408) 903-6305 | maddatubeth2@gmail.com.

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Psalm 67:4



Personal Ad

SEEKING AN EXPERIENCED CAREGIVER to care for my mom in El Sereno (Spanish-speaking preferred). Contact Martha by phone or text at (310) 877-2201 or by email at hallvasquez@aol.com.