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St Therese Catholic Church



May 24, 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
(*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

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

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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.

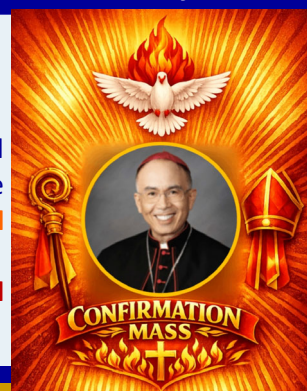


PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parishioners of St. Therese,

It's hard to believe that we are already at the conclusion of the Easter season! First, I'd like to congratulate our recently confirmed youth and adults who just received the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend! **Today, Sunday, May 24, is Pentecost Sunday, and you are all invited to attend our closing Pentecost Vespers Service today at 4:00 p.m.!**

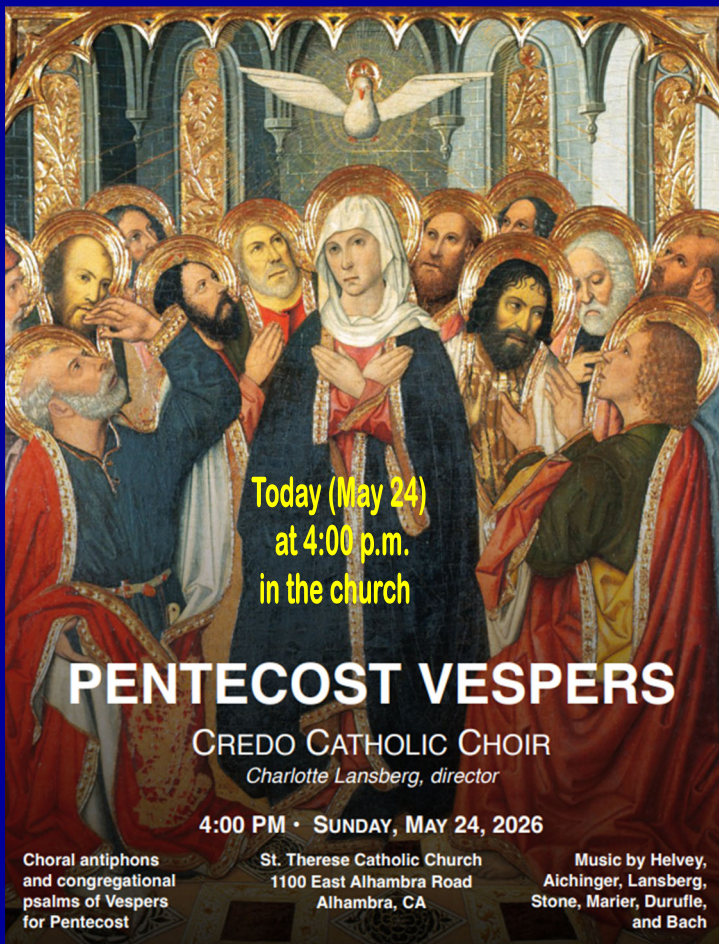
Now, let us continue learning about Our Blessed Mother from **St. John Paul II's encyclical on Mary, Redemptoris Mater.** —Fr. Peter Mary Vecellio, O.C.D.



After the events of the Resurrection and the Ascension, Mary entered the Upper Room, together with the Apostles, to await Pentecost, and was present there as the Mother of the glorified Lord. She was not only the one who "advanced in her pilgrimage of faith" and loyally persevered in her union with her Son "unto the Cross," but she was also the "handmaid of the Lord," left by her Son as Mother in the midst of the infant Church: *"Behold your Mother."* Thus there began to develop a special bond between this Mother and the Church. For the infant Church was the fruit of the Cross and Resurrection of her Son. Mary, who from the beginning had given herself without reserve to the person and work of her Son, could not but pour out upon the Church, from the very beginning, her maternal self-giving. After her Son's departure, her motherhood remains in the Church as maternal mediation: Interceding for all her children, the Mother cooperates in the saving work of her Son, the Redeemer of the world.

In fact the Council teaches that the "motherhood of Mary in the order of grace...will last without interruption until the eternal fulfillment of all the elect." With the redeeming death of her Son, the maternal mediation of the handmaid of the Lord took on a universal dimension, for the work of redemption embraces the whole of humanity. Thus, there is manifested in a singular way the efficacy of the one and universal mediation of Christ "between God and men." Mary's cooperation shares, in its subordinate character, in the universality of the mediation of the Redeemer, the one Mediator. This is clearly indicated by the Council in the words quoted above.

"For," the text goes on, "taken up to Heaven, she did not lay aside this saving role, but by her manifold acts of intercession continues to win for us gifts of eternal salvation." **With this character of "intercession," first manifested at Cana in Galilee, Mary's mediation continues in the history of the Church and the world.** We read that Mary "by her maternal charity, cares for the brethren of her Son who still journey on earth surrounded by dangers and difficulties, until they are led to their happy homeland." In this way, Mary's motherhood continues unceasingly in the Church as the mediation which intercedes, and the Church expresses her faith in this truth by invoking Mary "under the titles of Advocate, Auxiliatrix, Adjutrix and Mediatrix." Through her mediation, subordinate to that of the Redeemer, Mary contributes in a special way to the union of the pilgrim Church on earth with the eschatological and heavenly reality of the Communion of Saints, since she has already been "assumed into Heaven."



Today (May 24)
at 4:00 p.m.
in the church

PENTECOST VESPERS

CREDO CATHOLIC CHOIR
Charlotte Lansberg, director

4:00 PM • SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

Choral antiphons and congregational psalms of Vespers for Pentecost

St. Therese Catholic Church
1100 East Alhambra Road
Alhambra, CA

Music by Helvey, Aichinger, Lansberg, Stone, Marier, Duruffe, and Bach

ST. THERESE PARISH MOVIE NIGHT PRESENTS...

OF GODS AND MEN

ON OUR OUTDOOR BIG SCREEN

Saturday, May 30, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.

(Due to intense scenes, not recommended for children.)

THIS FRIDAY, MAY 30, 7:30 PM

A French drama based on the true story of Trappist monks in 1990s Algeria

Faith, Friendship & Sacrifice in a Time of Crisis

Ice Cream Sunday Fun Day

Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary Fundraiser
Ice Cream Sunday Funday!!!

Handels' Ice Cream Truck
Sunday, June 7, 2026
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
St. Therese Parish Parking Lot

On June 7th, you will be able to order any of the following: (no pre-order necessary)

- 2 1/2 scoop cone—\$7 each
- Kid's Bunny Bowl—\$7 each
- Dipped waffle cone or bowl—\$9 each
- Root beer float—\$9 each

For ordering PINTS of ice cream (\$8.50 per pint), you will need to PRE-ORDER FOR PICK UP ON JUNE 7. From the list of available flavors below, please indicate next to each flavor the number of pints you want to PRE-order:

AVAILABLE FLAVORS

___ Vanilla Mint Chip	___ Cookie Dough
___ Salty Caramel Truffle	___ Blue Monster
___ Vanilla Oreo	___ Butter Pecan
___ Chocolate	___ Chocolate Peanut Butter Brownie
___ Mocha Almond Fudge	___ Mango Sorbet (vegan)
___ Strawberry	

Name (please print) _____
Phone Number _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF PINTS ORDERED _____ X \$8.50 each = \$ _____

(Make check payable to: Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary and mail it with the order form to: Maryanne Losorelli, 533 Milton Drive, San Gabriel 91775.)
Pre-order deadline May 30, 2026

Financial Offerings



May 16 / 17, 2026		April 18 / 19	\$25,011.00	CHECK USERS: Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.
Unrestricted.....	\$ 14,524.00	April 25/26	\$20,186.00	
Restricted	\$ 705.00	May 2 / 3	\$54,809.00	
TOTAL.....	\$ 15,229.00	May 9 / 10	\$22,909.00	

FR. STEPHEN'S FINAL CLASS

By popular demand, Fr. Stephen will offer one final class for his 2026 series on *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* **THIS TUESDAY, MAY 26, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.** in the Parish Meeting Room in the Parish Center.

The topic will be: *“St. Teresa, St. John of the Cross, and St. Thérèse, as Referenced in The Catechism of the Catholic Church.”* These three Carmelite Doctors of the Church are cited in the Catechism in a significant way—one that sheds light on the Church’s understanding of prayer. Fr. Stephen will explore their contributions to the living out of the Christian vocation.



Healing Ministry on Summer Hiatus



St. Therese

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

Our Healing Prayer Ministry (HPM), held on Mondays after the 7:15 p.m. Mass, will be taking off for the Summer, beginning this Monday, Memorial Day, May 25, 2026, and continuing through Labor Day.

The HPM will resume on Monday evening, September 14, 2026.

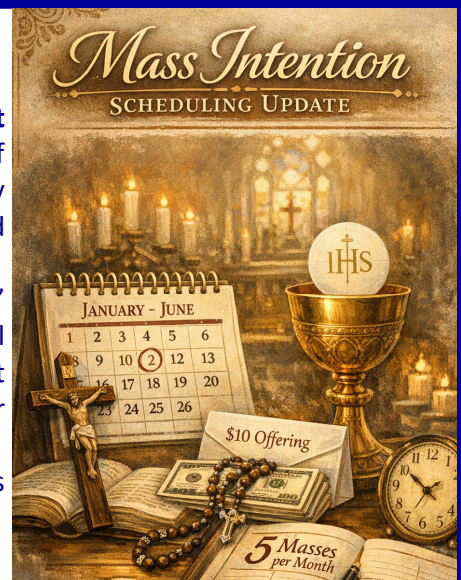
Mass Intention Scheduling Update for 2027

Beginning June 1, 2026, we will start accepting Mass intentions for the first six months of 2027 (January 1–June 30). The schedule for the second half of the year (July 1–December 31, 2027) will open on January 4, 2027. To fairly allow more parishioners the opportunity to request preferred Mass dates and times, each person may schedule **no more than five Masses every thirty days.**

Canon Law (Canon 948) reflects the Church’s “One Mass, One Intention” principle, which requires that a separate Mass be celebrated for each individual intention for which an offering has been given. The suggested offering, as set by the Archbishop of Los Angeles, is \$10 per Mass. This ensures reverence for the intention and avoids even the appearance of impropriety (simony).

In fidelity to Canon Law, St. Thérèse Parish follows this practice carefully. As a result, all Mass intentions for 2026 have already been filled.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



FUNERAL / WEBSITE IN MEMORY OF ALICE CHEUNG

Alice Cheung, a long-time parishioner and former School parent (her daughter, Rainbow, attended St. Thérèse School), passed away on May 3. Although she had moved to a downtown condominium, Alice continued to serve as a lector at St. Thérèse but was also a parishioner at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. **Her funeral Mass will be held at the Cathedral THIS COMING FRIDAY, MAY 29, at 9:30 a.m.** All who remember her are welcome to attend. Following the Mass, interment will take place in the Cathedral mausoleum, to be followed by a reception.

Alice not only served faithfully as a lector here at St. Thérèse, but also coordinated the scheduling of lectors for Sunday Masses and was involved in other parish ministries. **To RSVP for the funeral and/or reception, go to <https://celebratealice.com/>** (Note: the reception will be in a different venue and will follow the interment.)



Please pray for the repose of Alice's soul!



Mother's Day Baby Bottle & Baby Shower Outreach



GPS volunteers will be outside the church after all the Masses NEXT WEEKEND, **May 30th/31st** to collect the filled baby bottles (distributed on May 2/3).

"Mother's Day Month Baby Shower"

Gifts for moms and babies are greatly needed and very much appreciated. A Pac 'n Play crib is in the main vestibule through the month of May so that parishioners can place their donations of baby items.

Items needed for babies include: Blankets, diapers (sizes newborn, 3, 4, 5, & 6), Sippy cups, baby bottles, pacifiers, bibs, socks, teething toys, hardcover books, shoes, new clothing (especially sizes 2T and 3T for boys and girls), sleepers and T-shirts, etc., Toiletries: shampoo, lotion, powder, thermometers, nail clippers, etc.

Items needed for mothers include: Feminine hygiene products, gently-used or new maternity clothes, nursing pads, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, household cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning products, paper towels, etc.

Thank you for your generosity and for participating in this important Pro-Life outreach!

HELP NEEDED!

A St. Therese parishioner is coordinating an effort to help someone who has recently moved from a shelter into a new apartment. At this time, he is in need of basic household and personal items, including:

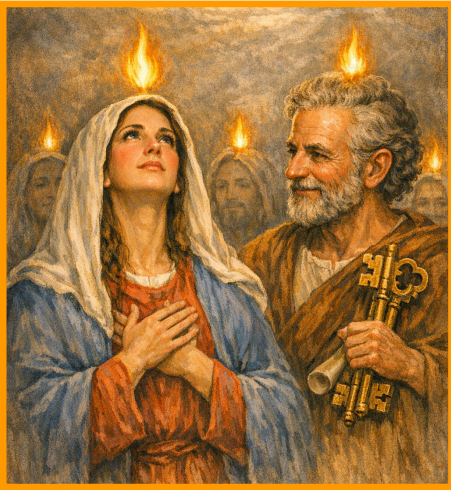
- Toilet brush and plunger
- Cooking utensils, colander, and can opener
- Microwave
- Two full-size sheet sets
- One full-size blanket
- One full-size comforter
- Non-perishable food items
- Toilet paper, hand soap, and other essentials

If you can help, please bring donations to the Parish Office during open hours.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



A Recollection of "the Day the Wind Came"



I will tell it as I remember it... though even now, I am not sure words can do that day justice. We were all together, the Twelve of us, along with Jesus' Mother—just as He told us to be. Waiting, praying, yet not knowing *what* we were waiting for, only that He had said It would come. There was a kind of stillness before it. Not peace exactly, but more like the quiet before a storm, though none of us would have said that aloud. John—who had been quieter than usual those days—was near me. He told me later that the morning of that day had felt heavy to him, like the air itself was thick with promise. Matthew, always watching everything, sat back by the wall. I remember how his eyes moved from one of us to another—as if he were trying to read the moment before it arrived. And the Lord's mother... she was there too. Mary did not speak much; she rarely did among us. But she prayed differently. I cannot explain it. It was

as though she already knew the shape of what was coming, even if she did not say it.

Then—the sound came. Not from outside; not from above. From everywhere! Like wind—but not wind. It shook the room, but nothing broke. It filled us, but we could still breathe. I remember grabbing hold of the table at first, thinking the whole place would come down around us. But it did not. It came **INTO** us. I shouted something—I don't even remember what. My brother Andrew turned toward me, eyes wide, and for a moment we just stared at each other like men who had seen lightning strike at their feet and lived. Then John cried out. I looked—and there above him... above all of us... Fire!

Not burning as fire burns. Not consuming. Not destroying. Resting. Like a living thing... like a crown, like a sign. One flame for each of us. I remember touching my head. I half thought I would feel heat, pain, something. But what I felt was... clarity. As though everything He had said to us—every parable we had only half understood, every word He said that had evaded us—like water slipping through our hands—suddenly held. Stayed. Lived.

James began to speak first—I think it was James—but the words...they were not just his. Languages I had never learned poured from all of our mouths. as though they had always been there. Matthew later laughed—though it was not laughter as we knew it before—and said to me, "Peter, you were speaking faster than I could even think of what to write." John told me it sounded like prayer, no matter the tongue. And Mary—I remember her most of all in that moment. She did not cry out like we did. Did not stagger or raise her voice. She simply lifted her face toward the flame above her... and closed her eyes. Later, she said softly, "My Son has sent us His Spirit."

We were not the same when the sound faded. Even before we stepped outside, I knew it. The fear that had clung to us since the cross had no hold on us any longer. Not because we were braver men, but because we were no longer alone inside ourselves. And when we went out into the streets where crowds had gathered—confused but listening, each one hearing us in his or her own tongue—I realized something all at once. This experience was not meant only for us—not only for the Twelve. This was for **ALL** who would hear about Him and all of those throughout the world who would believe in Him.

I stood then. Not as the man who had denied Him. Not as the fisherman who understood only nets and storms. But as one who had been filled. And then I spoke, and—for the first time in my life—I did not search for words. The Spirit gave them. If you ask me what happened that day... I will tell you this: It was the moment when what He began in us became like the birth of His Church into the world. The Wind did not pass; it remained. And the Fire did not fade; it was given. We had been followers, but that day...***we became His Witnesses, His Messengers***—ready to spread the Good News throughout the world. Ready to die if necessary to bring our Savior's Eternal Love to the ends of the earth!



Mass Intentions

Pilgrimages

May 23—May 30, 2026

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass:

5:00 p.m.: Emma Cox, Birthday Intention

Sunday:

*7:30 am: Mother Teresa, OCD, INT

7:30 am: Bing Lapidario & Family, B-Day INT

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 am: Dorothy Angelina Presthome, RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Newly Baptized Members

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

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Leo Henry Tittmann, B-Day INT

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

8:00 a.m.: Matthew Asayama, INT

7:15 p.m.: Fr. Ed Broom, INT

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

6:00 a.m.: Nicolas & Christina Yang, INT

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

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

7:15 p.m.: Karina Vela, INT

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Kevin Gerard McMaster, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Elizabeth Haley Nguyen, INT

8:00 a.m.: Julianna Torres, Bap/B'Day INT

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Joan Thibodeau, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Khouw Lip Hing, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Basilisa Lao, RIP

Friday:

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

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

8:00 a.m.: Juan Kachirisky, RIP

Saturday Morning

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

8:00 a.m.: Karina Laigo, Birthday 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"!

The complete itineraries for the following pilgrimages are 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 as we travel through 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 so much more! **REDUCED PRICE: \$4,599** each (from LAX). Contact: Albert or Mary Helen Estrada at (626) 533-4839.



CARMELITE-INSPIRED PILGRIMAGE to Italy from July 9-18, 2026: Land Tour cost: \$3880. Visit Assisi in this Year of Grace, the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis, the "Seraphic Father," with the friends of the Discalced Carmelites. Visit Siena, Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Mont Sant' Angelo, Pompeii, Amalfi, Montecassino, and more. Off the beaten path and at a slower pace, this unique route offers opportunities to encounter the wondrous saints of Italy in the places where they lived and breathed. Join us and experience untold beauty! Includes 9 nights at 3-4 star hotels, private bath, breakfast & dinner, private motorcoach or van, all touring on program, entrance fees to all sites per itinerary, tour chaplain & daily Holy Mass. Additional Costs: Overseas flights (LAX round trip to Rome, Italy). As of now, the non-stop airfare varies from \$1300 (economy) to \$2400 (Premier) on Norse Atlantic. Sign-up deadline: April 30, 2026. Pilgrimage is with Sacred Heart Tours, (845) 594-2222, www.sacredhearttours.com. For more info, contact Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186.

Personal Ad

Lady (with her pet cat) seeks to rent a room in a house (BR with closet, priv. bath, privileges in a large kitchen with stove & microwave, space in the living room for a large TV, pkg space in the garage with storage. Can pay up to \$600. If you can help, please call Valerie at (626) 713-4420.

Deaths

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

+ Gloria Villa

(former parishioner, Rosary Maker, and more)

Gloria's funeral arrangements at St. Therese are:

Saturday, May 30th:

9:30 am Rosary; 10:00 am Mass
Burial to follow at Calvary Cemetery