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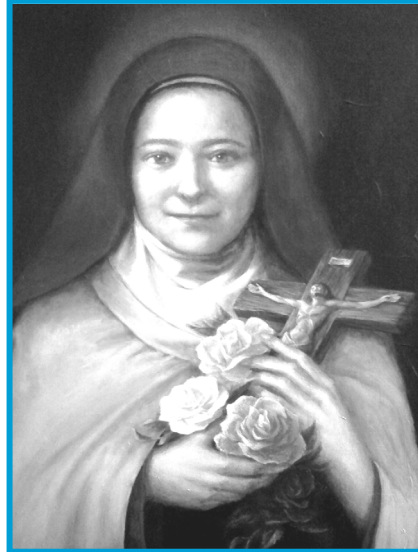
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December 2, 2012

Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars



Saint Therese Church

This portrait of St. Thérèse was painted by Miss Christina Yang, a 17-year-old altar server at St. Therese Church.

Established 1924

Visit us on our website! www.sttheresechurchalhambra.org

Masses & Services:

Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm
Latin High Mass: Sundays at 1:00 pm
Holy Days: 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 am and 7:30 pm

Devotions:

Rosary: Following the Mon-Sat 8:00 am Mass
Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm
Warrior-Intercessors for Priests: Thursdays, 8:00 pm
St. Joseph Devotion: Wednesdays, 6:15-7:00 pm
Fatima Pilgrimage: 13th of the month (May-Oct.)

Sacramental Programs:

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Wed, 7:00 - 8:30 pm; and Sat., 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Baptism: Call 284-0020, ext. 225, for schedule
Marriage: Contact priest at least six months before
RCIA (Sac. for adults) Rhonda Storey 284-0020, Ext. 225

Other Ministries / Programs:

Bible Study: Victoria Sandoval 323-343-9064.
Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias 323-724-6443
Legion of Mary: Mon., 7:00 pm - Fr. David Guzman X 337
First Friday Mass/All-Night Prayer Vigil, 7:30 pm-6:00 am
King's Men: Sun., 6:30-8:30 pm, Brian Lasky, 860-861-4962
Respect Life Ministry: Catherine Contreras, 213-435-3942
Rosary Makers: Tuesdays from 7:00-9:00 pm
Edward William 768-0758 / tielnt@gmail.com
St. Joseph Devotion Prayer Ministry:
Wednesdays at 6:15 PM - Edward William 768-0758

Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (Ext. 226)

Associate Pastors: Fr. David Guzman, OCD (X337)
and Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (Ext. 232)

Associate Carmelite Friar: Fr. Jerome Lantry, OCD

Deacon Couple: Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (X221)

Vocations: Parish: Fr. David Guzman OCD (X 337);
Regional: 909-629-9495; Archdiocesan: 213-637-7515

Parish Secretary: Denise McMaster-Holguin (Ext. 223)

Finances/Donations: Noralyn Cailan (Ext. 228)

Christian Services: Bridie McDermott (Ext. 224)

Choir Directors/Organist:

George and Barbara Klump (818) 249-8472

9:00 a.m.: Marcia Martinez-Bateman (775) 771-4992

Liturgical Coordinators:

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers of the Altar:

Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski (Ext. 221)

Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick:

Fred & Margaret Padilla, 282-0943

St. Therese Religious Education:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (Ext. 225)

* Pre K through 8th Grade * Adult Religious Ed

Youth Ministry: Adam Orozco, 284-0020, Ext. 235;

Email: Adam.O311@gmail.com

Youth/Adult Confirmation Program:

Ruben Beltran, 284-0020, Ext. 235;

Email: rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

St. Therese Catholic School: 289-3364, Ext. 660

Principal: Carmela Lovano, E-mail:

clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org

510 North El Molino Street . Alhambra, California 91801 . 282-2744 . FAX 282-7560 (Unless otherwise indicated, all telephone numbers in the bulletin are in the (626) area code.) **New Parishioners: WELCOME TO ST. THERESE!** Please come to the Parish office to register. **Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm; 2:00 to 5:00 pm; 6:00 to 8:00 pm—**closed from 1:00 to 2:00 pm & 5:00 to 6:00 pm;** **Eucharistic Adoration** - Continuous, day and night. Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations. Coordinators: Carlos & Carla Johnson - 289-0388



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2012

I will raise up for David a just shoot; He shall do what is right and just in the land. —Jeremiah 33:15

PARISH MISSION WITH FR. ROBERT BARCELOS, OCD

All are invited to an Advent Parish Mission this week, on the evenings of December 5, 6, and 7. The full schedule is as follows:



Wednesday, December 5, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.: Exposition & Adoration; Conference; Confessions all evening

Thursday, December 6, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.: Exposition & Adoration; Conference; Confessions all evening

Friday, December 7: 7:30 p.m.: Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
8:30 pm: All-night adoration begins
10:00 p.m.: Conference

11:00 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.: All-Night Vigil, including Rosary and Prayers of Recollection
5:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 8: Divine Praises and Benediction, followed by the 6:00 a.m. Mass

Note: Refreshments will be available in the Parish Hall for those attending the all-night vigil.

ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS

St. Therese School is so GRATEFUL for your support throughout 2012!

Please consider joining us for these upcoming events:

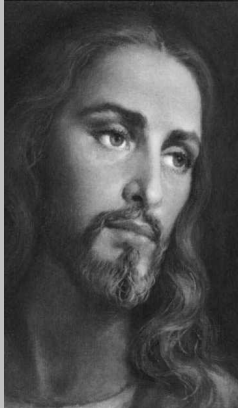
- Help Restock St. Therese Christian Services Pantry for Christmas (Ongoing Collection)
- All School Mass Celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe on **December 12** at 10:00 a.m.
- Transitional-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Open House on **December 12 & 13** from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. each night
- Family Mass on **Sunday, December 16**, at 9:00 a.m.
- School Christmas Program on **December 18** at 6:30 p.m.



Please visit the school office to purchase retail gift cards, to turn in Fresh & Easy receipts, and to purchase AVON! We also encourage you to visit our website at www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org for important information and updates. Please feel free to contact our Principal, Mrs. Lovano, by phone at 289-3364 or by email at clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

SPECIAL

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION



Please join us this **Friday, December 7**, for First Friday Mass at 7:30 p.m., followed by an all-night prayer vigil.

After Mass there will be led meditations, the Rosary, prayers of recollection, and a conference at 9:00 p.m. The devotion will conclude with the Divine Praises and Benediction at 5:30 a.m.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FEAST

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on **Saturday, December 8**, and is a holy day of obligation (**Masses are as follows: Fri., Dec. 7: Vigil Mass at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 8: Masses at 6:00, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.; and a Latin Mass at Noon (no 7:30 p.m. Mass on Dec. 8; the 5:00 p.m. Mass that day is for the 2nd Sunday of Advent).** The Immaculate Conception means that Mary was conceived without original sin or its stain. The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings.



FR. DAVID'S PILGRIMAGE—CHANGE OF DATES: The dates for Fr. David Guzman's pilgrimage to the Holy Land and other sites, originally planned to begin on November 26, have been moved to the end of April and beginning of May 2013. Thank you to everyone who has expressed interest in this exciting excursion. Please look for announced updates. And please pray for peace in the Middle East.

FINGERPRINTING: St. Therese will host a Fingerprinting session in the school Kindergarten room on **Saturday, December 8, between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.** All those who volunteer in our parish and school ministries are required by the Archdiocese to have their fingerprints taken. This session is open to people throughout the Archdiocese—so appointments will fill up fast! To make an appointment, please call Rhonda Storey at 284-0020, ext. 225.

DETENTION MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: Come bring God's love to incarcerated youth by attending a Christmas Celebration for them at Central Juvenile Hall! It will be on **Saturday, December 15, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.** For volunteer sign up/information, please contact Sonia Macias at (323) 724-6443, sonia_macias@hotmail.com, or Miriam Lopez at mimilc@hotmail.com. **Deadline to sign up is December 3; volunteers must be 21 years and older.**

THE YEAR OF FAITH (October 11, 2012, to November 24, 2013)

At the invitation of Pope Benedict XVI, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, with the contribution of the Committee for the Preparation of the Year of Faith, has drawn up some recommendations for living this time of grace, without precluding other initiatives which the Holy Spirit will inspire. These proposals are intended as examples to encourage a ready response to the invitation of the Holy Father to live fully this Year as a special time of grace. The joyous rediscovery of faith can also contribute to consolidate the unity and communion among the different bodies that make up the wider family of the Church. The next three (4 to 6) are as follows:



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

4. Conferences and large gatherings should be held to encourage witness to the faith and to promote understanding of the contents of Catholic doctrine. Noting how, still today, the Word of God continues to grow and spread, it is important to give witness that all the anguish and all the longing of the human heart finds fulfillment in Christ Jesus and that faith becomes a new criterion of understanding and action that changes the role of man's life.

5. The Year of Faith offers a special opportunity for all believers to deepen their knowledge of the primary documents of the Second Vatican Council and their study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

6. This Year will provide an auspicious time for a more attentive reception of the homilies, catechesis, addresses, and other speeches and documents of the Holy Father. (Note: These recommendations will continue in the December 9th bulletin).

For more information, check out the following WEBSITES: US Bishops (www.usccb.org); the Vatican's official Year of Faith site (www.annusfidei.va); and our own website. (www.sttheresechurchalhambra.org)

Parish Ministries

ST. THERESE RELIGIOUS ED Rhonda Storey, 284-0020 X225; rhondalstorey@gmail.com— **STRE** (St. Therese Religious Education)

STRE Next upcoming classes are Today, Sun., Dec. 2, and Sun., Dec. 16, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, followed by attendance at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRACTICES:

All children interested in being in the Christmas Eve Pageant **must attend ALL THREE** of the following practices: Thurs., Dec. 13, in the Hall from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Mon., Dec. 17, and Thurs., Dec. 20, in the church from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each night.

SEE'S CANDY FUNDRAISER: TODAY, Sun., Dec. 2, is the **LAST DAY** to place your order for See's Candy. Delivery will be the third week of December.

R.C.I.A.: Please pray for those in the RCIA classes as they journey towards the Sacrament of First Eucharist or full initiation into the Church. The next class is **Thursday, December 13**, in the Parish Meeting Room; next group-attendance at Mass is **Sunday, December 9, at 11:00 a.m.** Please contact Rhonda Storey for more info.

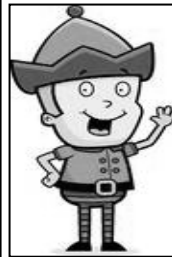
CONFIRMATION—

Ruben Beltran, 284-0020 X235

...for Youth: Classes are in session today, **Sunday, December 2**, and **Sundays, December 9 and 16**, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., which includes the 5:00 p.m. Mass. **RITE OF WELCOME** for Year One students will be at the Mass on December 16. **NOTICE:** Beginning December 16 and then continuing for the first class of each following month (i.e., January 6), **Year One Sponsors are to begin attending class with their sponsored student**, as well as the 5:00 p.m. Mass that follows. **LECTOR MINISTRY:** If you're interested in becoming a Lector, call Ruben.



...for Adults: All baptized Catholics who have received their First Communion but NOT the Sacrament of Confirmation, are invited to attend these Adult Confirmation classes with the RCIA class.



YOUTH MINISTRY:

Adam Orozco (email: Adam.O311@gmail.com)

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT! Teens! Join us in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, December 8, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**, for a holiday movie night (movie T/B/A).

BAPTISM MINISTRY: Rhonda Storey, 284-0020, X 225 - In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **PARENTS & GODPARENTS** are required to: 1) Have an interview the month before the Baptism; 2) Attend a class (next are Dec. 3/Jan. 7) from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Library); And 3) Attend a Presentation Sunday Mass (next are Dec. 9/Jan. 20) at 9:00 a.m. Your child will then be baptized on a Saturday (next OPEN Baptisms are on December 15 and January 26). **SELECTING THE GODPARENTS:** Canon Law requires you to have at least one godparent (may have two) who: 1) is at least 16; 2) has been Confirmed; and 3) is a practicing Catholic. A form attesting to this will need to be signed by a priest from the parish of each prospective godparent.

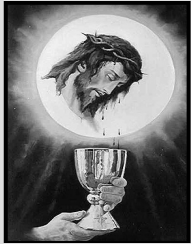
PEACE & JUSTICE MINISTRY Edward William, 768-0758 / tieknt@gmail.com (Prayer with Action: Strengthening of Families, Conversion of Sinners, and Peace in the World) - **St. Joseph Prayer Devotion:** Join us **Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.** by the St. Joseph statue in the church. **The Rosary Makers:** Help us make Rosaries in order to distribute them locally, nationally, and internationally. Don't know how to make a Rosary? We'll teach you! We meet **Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Meeting Room. **Donations to purchase Rosary supplies and shipping fees are always in need and appreciated** (make checks to St. Therese Church and mail to Rosary Makers, 510 N. El Molino St., Alhambra 91801. For more info, contact Edward William at tieknt@gmail.com.

THE KING'S MEN: Brian Lasky, 860-861-4962 / brianmlasky@gmail.com All men of the parish are invited to join **The King's Men**, a Catholic Men's formation group. Their goal is "to challenge and empower men to live virtuous lives, through education, formation, action, and healing." The group meets on **Sundays** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room. For more information, contact the coordinator (number above) or see the national website at www.thekingsmen.org.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY: Catherine Contreras, 213-435-3942 - **ANONYMOUS RESPECT LIFE QUOTES:** "Pro-choice is a lie: babies don't choose to die." "There is no such thing as an 'unwanted child'; there are only 'unwanting parents'." "Each child is sent into the world by God with a unique message to deliver, a new song to sing, and a personal act of love to bestow." "How much does an abortion cost? One human life." "Abortion does not treat a disease but disrupts a normal, natural process." "Fetus is Latin for 'little one'."

PARISH MINISTRIES / NEWS:

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



“What Christ gives us is quite explicit, if His own words are interpreted according to their Aramaic meaning. The expression ‘This is my Body’ means ‘This is myself’” --Karl Rahner

URGENT! We need an adorer to commit to coming to the chapel every Saturday morning from 2:00 to 3:00 a.m. (God bless our previous adorer for this hour, Efrén Covarrubias, who died on November 22nd). To sign up for this hour or any other hour, please call Carlos or Carla Johnson at 289-0388.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN: “DID YOU KNOW?”

Shopping Mall Safety Tips: It’s easy for kids to get sidetracked at the mall, so it’s especially important to monitor them during the Christmas season. If children become separated from you, teach them to look for a “safe stranger” to help them. For example, a mom with kids or the cash register person. Avoid telling children to go to the “manager.” Any adult in a suit can look like the manager to a child. Children must be told never to leave the mall or store to go looking for you in the parking lot. Let them know that you would never go outside or leave until you are reunited—no matter what anyone else tells them. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at 213-637-7650.



HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE THANK YOU:

Many thanks to everyone who helped make last month’s Holiday Boutique a great success. Our gratitude goes out to our school and rectory staff, the hard-working school volunteers, and the talented vendors. The children of St. Therese School are grateful for the support of everyone who came to shop, eat, and enjoy the holiday spirit. God bless you!

THANK YOU!

FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

Below are the totals for the collections for the last three weekends:

Collection for November 10 / 11, 2012

Unrestricted.....	\$10,729.00
Restricted	\$ 973.00
T O T A L.....	\$11,702.00

Collection for November 17 / 18, 2012

Unrestricted.....	\$ 9,992.00
Restricted	\$12,894.00
T O T A L.....	\$22,886.00

Collection for November 24 / 25, 2012

Unrestricted.....	\$10,592.00
Restricted	\$ 2,482.00
T O T A L.....	\$13,074.00

As a friendly suggestion for those who are employed, we propose a realistic donation of at least one hour of pay per week.

2012 TOGETHER IN MISSION

URGENT!

Amount of 2012 Goal: \$63,805.00

Donations received as of 11/25/12: \$41,325.00

***Donations Needed: \$22,480.00**

As you can see, we owe nearly \$23,000, which is due in the Archdiocesan offices by the end of this month! Please donate!

THANKSGIVING DAY COLLECTION

Thank you all those who attended Mass on Thanksgiving Day and contributed to the collection. Your generosity brought in \$1,500, which will go to our Parish Christian Services Program for assisting those in need.

LEGION OF MARY DISCUSSION GROUP: The topic for the next Legion of Mary Discussion Group will be: “Christmas and Consumerism.” It will be TONIGHT, Saturday, December 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the Parish Library. Just listen or add to the conversation. Bring a friend or meet new people. Refreshments served. For more information, call 457-1564 or email placenci@sbcglobal.net.

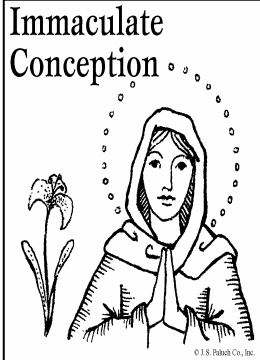
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CATHOLIC TRADITION TALK: The next Catholic Tradition Talk will be Friday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m., in the Parish Center Library (2nd floor). The topic will be “Advent: Preparation for Christmas”. All are welcome to attend!



Mass Intentions

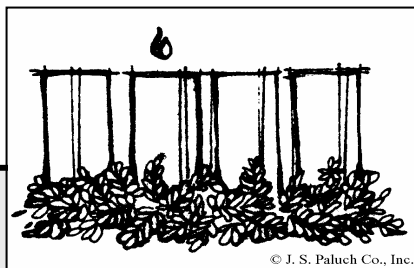
For the Week of 12/1/12 to 12/8/12



Held in the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel, 215 E. Alhambra Road—open to the public every day except on Sundays, Vigils and major holy days and holidays.

Intentions of our Holy Father for December 2012:

1) That migrants throughout the world may be welcomed with generosity and authentic love, especially by Christian communities; 2) That Christ may reveal Himself to all humanity with the light that shines forth from Bethlehem and is reflected in the face of His Church.



Lectors:

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Franklin Teng / Marta Timar

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Aurora Dolores / Jackie Johnson
 9:00 a.m. Lorraine Mizerski / Rosa Natividad
 11:00 a.m. Jeff Storey / Lucas Setiady
 5:00 p.m. Gabriel Bryson / Vickie Blair

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Ioannis Gkatizmas INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m. Priests of St. Therese INT
 7:30 a.m.: Antoinette Hoffman RIP
 9:00 a.m.: Laureano/Maria Herrera RIP
 11:00 a.m.: Martha & Larry Campos RIP
 1:00 p.m.: Leslie Shahinian b-day INT
 5:00 pm: Jose N. Vales RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Sr. Nirmala Joshi MC INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Lucille Moore RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Camilla McGrath RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Kimberly Shaller b-day INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Carmen Luna RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Maria Kristel Regis RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Patrick Healy INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Sam Ullo RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Sal DeSalvatore RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m. Judd F. Estorninos RIP
 *7:30 a.m: Ermina La Rosa RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Gwendolynn Stall b-day INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Mary Rose Go INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Cosmo Bordonaro RIP
 8:00 a.m.: Maria C. Agda RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Scholastica Keimon & Fr. Wm Wagner ORC, INT
 *7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
 8:00 a.m.: Concepcion Lima-Pacheco RIP

Floral Dedication

This week's floral dedication is:

♥ *In Honor of Gil & Maria Lazatin on their Wedding Anniversary*



To dedicate a Floral Arrangement in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, contact Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049. *Each bouquet is \$40 (two for \$80).*

Outside the Parish

DATE CHANGE: Fr. David Guzman will be the spiritual director for a pilgrimage to **Egypt and the Holy Land in April/May 2013 (moved from November 2012)**. For more info and the full itinerary, contact JMJ Ministries at 520-573-0065 or visit www.jmjministries.org. You may also request an itinerary from Denise at the parish offices.

The Sister Disciples of the Divine Master (a branch of the Paulists) will be offering a **DAY OF RETREAT on Sat., Dec. 15, from 9 am to 3 pm**, for Single Women ages 18-35. See their website at www.pddm.us

CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE: Pierce Brothers, Turner & Stevens Mortuary invites you **today, Dec. 2, at 2 pm**, for a special Holiday Service in their chapel at 1136 East Las Tunas, San Gabriel. There will be music and refreshments included. Free!

Please join Fr. Jose Parathanl on a pilgrimage to Egypt, Israel & Jordan from 1/27/13 to 2/9/13; to Guadalupe, Mexico from 5/20/13 to 5/25/13; and a "Journey with St. Paul" to Turkey & Greece 9/19/13 to 10/1/13. For more information, please contact: Bernadette Corpuz at bcorp1114@hotmail.com / tel: 323-344-1548. & 323-547-6618.

EL CARMELO RETREAT HOUSE, operated by the Discalced Carmelite Friars, will receive a portion of the commission on any travel you book through their site: www.elcarmelotravel.com. Same low rates as other travel websites—but helps maintain the retreat house. Also book hotels, cars, cruises, and concert, sports and show tickets.

YOU CAN SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE! Feel alone? Frustrated or angry with your spouse? Have you stopped speaking to each other? Does talking only make it worse? Retrouvaille (retro-vee) has helped 1000's of couples experience(ng) problems. To register, call Jane and Pete Lauder at 714-871-5953 or email: lauderpj@yahoo.com.

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