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Saint Therese Church

December 14, 2014 **Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars** Established 1924

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510 North El Molino Street. Alhambra, California 91801. 282-2744. FAX 282-7560

(Unless otherwise indicated, all the telephone numbers in the bulletin are in the (626) area code.)

Pastor: Fr. Philip Sullivan, OCD (226) **Associate Pastors:** Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD (232) and Fr. Leonel Varela, OCD (222) **In Residence:** Fr. Albert Bunsic, OCD * **Deacon Couple:** Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (333) **Vocations:** Carmelite: (909) 629-9495 - Archdiocesan: (213) 637-7515

Masses & Services: Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 am; Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am, and 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; Intercessors for Priests: Thursdays, 8:00 pm; Fatima Devotion: 13th of the month from May through October

Sacramental Programs:

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confession): Wed., 7-9 pm;
and Sat., 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Baptism: Register at 284-0020 (1)

Weddings: Call 6 months before

RCIA: Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)

Other Ministries / Programs:

Grief Support, 2nd/4th Wed.,

2:30-4 pm: Deacon Couple 333)

Bible Study: Debbie Robles 679-6370

Detention Ministry: Sonia Macias

(323) 724-6443

First Friday Mass/All-Night Prayer

Vigil—7:30 pm-6:00 am

Knights of Columbus: Grand Knight—

Mike Pulciano 641-0870

Legion of Mary: Tues., 7:00 pm

Natural Family Planning—

Jack & Katrina Crow 292-1906

Respect Life Ministry / Foot Soldiers:

Catherine Contreras (213) 435-3942

Rosary Makers/Mondays, 6-8 pm: Ed

William 975-1838 tieknt@gmail.com

St. Joseph Prayer Group: Wednesdays,

6:15 pm - Albert Grana 576-0872

“Tea at Therese” Women’s Group:

(2nd & 4th Thursdays at 10 am)

Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701



Parish Mission Statement:

St. Therese Church is an active and Eucharistic Parish Community dedicated in faith and service to a loving and merciful God under our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux. We are committed in our ministries to providing discipleship through evangelization and fostering a contemplative life, resulting in Christian formation and spiritual growth of our members.

Parish Secretary:

Denise McMaster-Holguin (223);
denisekay@hotmail.com

Finance: Noralyn Cailan (228)

Christian Services:

Bridie McDermott (224)

Choir Directors:

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

11:00 a.m.: Paula Grimm
(909) 703-1284 / pgrimmdir@gmail.com

Coordinator for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the Altar:

Fr. Leonel Varela (222)

Coordinators for Ministry to the Sick: Fred & Margaret Padilla

282-0943

St. Therese Religious Education:

Rhonda Storey 284-0020 (1)

rhondalstorey@gmail.com

* Pre K through 8th Grade

* Adult Religious Ed

Youth & Adult Confirmation

Programs: Ruben Beltran 284-0020 (2)

Email: rubenconfirmation@yahoo.com

St. Therese Catholic School: 289-

3364 - Principal: Carmela Lovano (661)

clovano@stthereseschoolalhabra.org

Web Site: stthereseschoolalhabra.org

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Therese! Please come to the Parish Office to register.

510 N. El Molino St., Alhambra—**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

Third Sunday of Advent - December 14, 2014

Rejoice always! Pray without ceasing. —1 Thessalonians 5:16

Schedule for Christmas and New Year's

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturdays, December 13 and 20: 3:30-5:00 p.m.; and Wednesdays, December 10 and 17: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

MASSES:

Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and Midnight

Christmas Day: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; and a Latin High Mass at 1:00 p.m.
(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day)

*New Year's Eve Celebration with the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles

8:00 to 10:30 pm at Sacred Heart Retreat House, 920 East Alhambra Road, Alhambra

11:00 pm to 1:00 am at St. Therese Church

8:00-9:00 p.m.: Registration at the Retreat Center, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and a Conference

9:00-10:00 p.m.: Adoration & Confessions

10:00-10:30 p.m.: Benediction / Refreshments

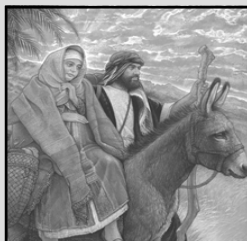
10:30 p.m.: Candlelight Rosary Walk to St. Therese Church

11:00 p.m.: Conference

Midnight: Holy Mass at St. Therese Church

New Year's Day at St. Therese Church:

Masses at 6:00, 8:00, 10:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.

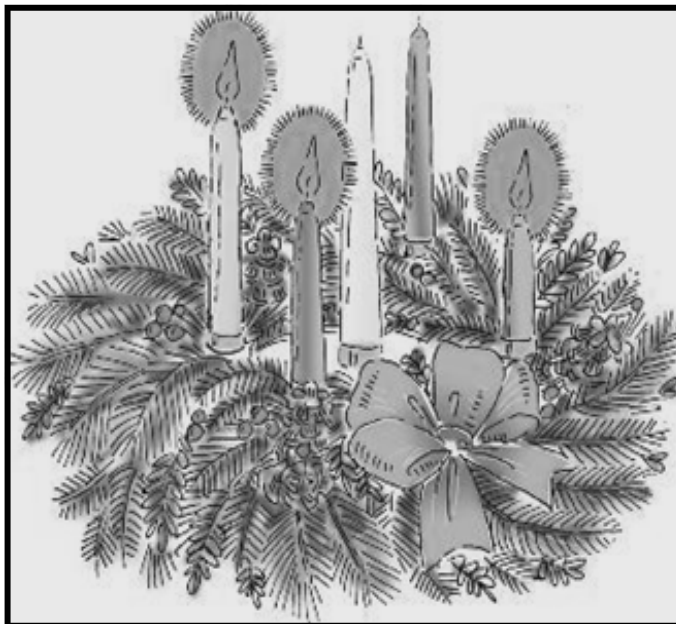


ST. THERESE SCHOOL NEWS

Saint Therese School is proud to be a Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service.

- Family Mass today, Sunday, December 14 at 9:00 a.m.
- Christmas Program on December 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church
- Ongoing New Student Registration for TK - 8th Grade
- Ongoing Student Guest Program - Your child is invited to experience a day with our students
- Ongoing Collection of Non-Perishable Food for our Christian Services Pantry
- Ongoing Collection of Box Tops for Education

We encourage you to visit the school office or our website www.stthereseschoolalhambra.org for important information and updates. Please feel free to contact our Principal, Mrs. Carmela Lovano, by phone at 289-3364 or by email at clovano@stthereseschoolalhambra.org to schedule a tour. We look forward to hearing from you!



"The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Gift Shoppe"

The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Auxiliary would like to thank our beloved pastor, Fr. Philip, who has decided to support our Cloistered Carmelite Nuns in the Carmel of St. Teresa in yet another way.

From now on, the parish gift shop will be called *"The Cloistered Carmelite Nuns' Gift Shoppe,"* and all the proceeds will be donated to them. The Cloistered Nuns will provide the Gift Shoppe with the following made-in-the-Monastery items: crocheted goods, small quilts, rosaries, greeting cards, and nut breads.



A huge "THANK YOU, FR. PHILIP!" from the Carmel of St. Teresa! And to **MARIETTA OKAMOTO**, whom we deeply appreciate for the **MANY YEARS** she has volunteered in the Gift Shoppe to date—and for her **continued service** in doing so after **EVERY Mass EVERY weekend.** May God abundantly bless each of you!



BLOOD DRIVE

St. Therese will sponsor a Blood Drive in the Parish Hall on Sunday, January 18, between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. All donations will benefit Cedars Sinai Hospital in continued gratitude for the care given to Deacon Joe Mizerski. Your gift may save someone's life! To make an appointment, please call Lorraine Mizerski at 282-2744, ext. 333, and leave your name, phone number, and the approximate time you'd like to come. Walk-ins are also welcome! God bless you for thinking of others!

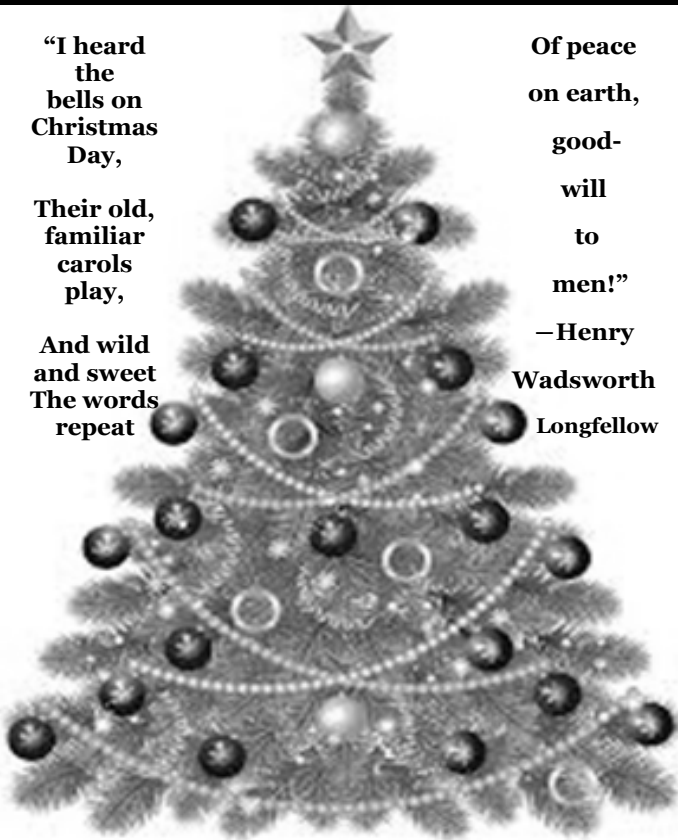
"I heard the bells on Christmas Day,

Their old, familiar carols play,

And wild and sweet The words repeat

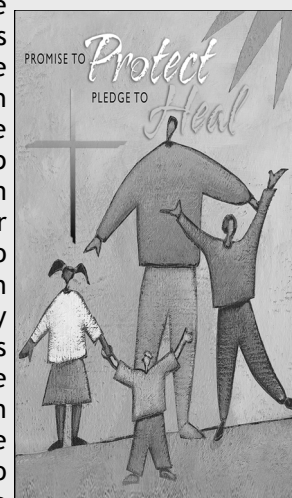
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!"

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN—"DID YOU KNOW?"

Shopping mall safety tips: It's easy for kids to get sidetracked with all the sights, sounds, and smells surrounding us at holiday time. It is especially important to monitor your children when taking them through the mall during the Christmas season. If children become separated from you, teach them to look for a "safe stranger" who can help them. For example, a mom with kids or the cash register person can help a child who is lost. Avoid telling children to go to the "manager." Any adult in a suit, who looks important, 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.



ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX: THE SHOW

Written, Directed, and Composed by Michel Pascal

Starring Award-Winning Actress Fanny Féliz

St. Thérèse of Lisieux will come to life on our Hall stage next **Saturday, December 20**, at **1:00 p.m.**, and again at **6:30 in the evening** (following the 5:00 p.m. Mass). Although there is no admission fee, a free-will offering will be taken (suggested \$20 each). Her story of faith will unfold in an hour-long production set within her Carmelite cloister in France. "St. Thérèse" will greet you as if you were visiting her Carmel. Her words are resonant as ever in today's modern world, perhaps even more so than when she first uttered them.

The production has been performed some 700 times in five years for audiences in the U.S., Europe, Asia, Canada, Israel, and the United Arab Emirates, among other places. The show has a lot to recommend it, beginning with a beautiful set of vintage photos of the saint and of the Carmel in Lisieux projected at the show's outset. It is well worth an hour of your time!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



STRE: Classes for elementary grades are held twice monthly on **Sundays**—from 9:00 to Noon (including the 11:00 a.m. Mass (see the article to the right for info on education for high school students). The classes are based on solid catechesis: the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the liturgical year, and Church Solemnities. The next STRE classes are on Sunday, **December 21**.

RCIA—New Inquiries to the Faith



This class is for all those who are unbaptized or who were baptized in another Christian faith and desire to begin the journey towards becoming a Catholic. Classes are held in the Parish Meeting Room from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on selected Thursday evenings. Next date is **December 18**.

CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH

This is a two-year program for high-school aged youth. Classes are held in the Parish Center from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sundays, including mandatory attendance at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, along with the sponsor of each student. Upcoming classes are **December 21**. C2 Students: Please bring your bibles to every class!

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

All baptized Catholics who have made their First Communion but who have NOT received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to join the RCIA classes. Classes are held in the Parish Meeting Room from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on **Thursday evenings**. Next date is **December 18**. Contact Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2) for more info.

Your Journey

Begins . . .

at

St. Therese

Church





ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Eucharist is at the very center of our life; such was the teaching of Jesus. When commenting on the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, He told His apostles that He Himself is the Living Bread that came down from heaven. He called on the twelve for an act of faith, and it was Peter who answered in the name of all: 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God' (John 6:69). Christian faith is faith in the Eucharistic Christ." - Jean Galot, S.J.

To sign up for an hour every week, please call Carlos or Carla Johnson at 289-0388.

HELP PUT UP THE TREES and CLEAN THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

"Deck the church with boughs of holly..."



SETTING UP CHRISTMAS TREES: The Alhambra Knights of Columbus invite you to help them set up the trees in the church for Christmas! Join them in the church

on **Monday, December 15**, beginning at 6:00 p.m., and continuing until it is finished.

CLEANING THE CHURCH: The Ladies' Altar Society invite you to help them prepare the church for Christmas on **Monday, December 22**. They will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue through the day until the church is sparkling!



"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!"

GUADALUPE PREGNANCY SERVICES (GPS)



Are you pregnant? Do you need help? Guadalupe Pregnancy Services (GPS) counselors are available to help you with any situation regarding your pregnancy. All services are local and are offered privately and confidentially. We offer counseling, education, resources and referrals. Contact Louisa Day at 872-2483 or email gps.pregnancy@ymail.com.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

Below are the collections for the previous weekend and for the previous month:

December 6 / 7, 2014

Unrestricted.....	\$14,383.00
Restricted	\$ 1,960.00
TOTAL	\$16,343.00

November 8 / 9.....	\$16,121.00
November 15 / 16.....	\$11,690.00
November 22 / 23.....	\$13,010.00
November 29 / 30.....	\$16,015.00

TOGETHER IN MISSION 2014

Amount of 2014 Goal.....\$65,693.00

Donations received to date.....\$60,431.00

Donations still needed.....\$5,262.00

T H A N K Y O U !

SEEKING DONATIONS OF COATS

"For I was naked and you clothed me..."
Matthew 25:35-36

Colder weather is just around the corner—and some people do not have protection from it. Diaconate Formation Couple, Frances and Gil Vargas, are collecting un-needed coats to distribute to local homeless individuals and families. If you have a clean coat to spare (child's small through Adult XX, we would be most happy to find someone to share it with. Please email your information to gil_vargas@att.net, and we will contact you to arrange for pick up.



SEE'S CANDY READY FOR PICK-UP!

If you placed an order for See's Candy, it will be available for pick-up next WEEKEND, as follows:

On Saturday, December 13, it will be in the Parish Offices (510 N. El Molino) from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm;

On Sunday, December 14, it will be in Rhonda Storey's Office from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (lower level of Parish Center)



ST. THERESE PARISH NEW YEAR'S RAFFLE WINNER'S CHOICE: A TWO-YEAR LEASE ON A NISSAN VERSA AUTOMOBILE OR A CASH



PRIZE OF \$3,000: Tickets can be purchased at the Religious Goods counter after the Sunday Masses or during open hours in the Parish Offices at 510 North El Molino Street. Tickets are \$15 each, and the drawing will be after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sun., Jan. 4, 2015. Some restrictions may apply.

By entering this raffle, participants agree to be bound by the Official Rules. St. Therese Parish's interpretation and application of the Official Rules shall be final. Please see the website (News/Events) for the Official Rules and Regulations:

www.sttheresechurchalhambra.org

BAPTISM MINISTRY Rhonda Storey, 284-0020, Ext. 225 - In order to take part in our Baptism Program, **PARENTS & GODPARENTS** are required to attend a class from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Library (next dates Jan. 6 and February 3). The fee is \$100 per child or \$25 for the class only. Your child will then be baptized on a Saturday (next open Baptisms are January 24 and February 14—both dates at Noon).



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.

ONGOING MINISTRIES & CLASSES

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group, formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro, is for anyone who is grieving for a loved one—no matter how long or for whom. We normally meet in the Parish Offices from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month; however, due to the holidays, there will be only ONE meeting in December, which was last week on December 10. The next meetings will be January 7 and 21. For additional information, please contact Deacon Joe and Lorraine Mizerski at 282-2744 (333).

WOMEN'S PRAYER AND DISCUSSION GROUP:

Come join us for a prayer and discussion group, along with tea and treats! Children are welcome (play area available). We NORMALLY hold these meetings at 10:00 a.m., on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (In the Avila Room in the Parish Offices, 510 North El Molino Street). However, due to Christmas, the next meeting will be on December 18. We will return to our normal schedule in January. For more information, contact Dara Barbosa at (301) 542-9701.



IRISH STEP-DANCING CLASSES:



Join us for these Irish Dance classes—for adults AND kids ages 4 and up. The classes are taught by Mrs. Kelly Mohun and are held in the Parish Hall every Wednesday from 3:15 to 5:45 p.m. To sign up or for more information, please contact Kelly at (805) 421-7548. or 1stkdoc@gmail.com.



ST. THERESE DETENTION MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:

Join us in bringing God's love to incarcerated youth at a Christmas Celebration at Central Juvenile Hall It will be next Saturday, December 20, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., at Central Juvenile Hall-Eastlake. Advance pre-registration is required. To sign up and/or visit incarcerated youth, please contact Sonia Macias at (323) 724-6443 or sonia_macias@hotmail.com OR Miriam Lopez at mimilc@hotmail.com.

"For I was in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:36, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Mathew 25:40

Mass Intentions

For the Week of
12/13/14 to 12/20/2014

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Marcella McGrath RIP

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Laurel Kuhn INT

7:30 a.m.: Michael and Ellena Cheah INT

9:00 a.m.: Parishioners

11:00 a.m.: Jack & Katrina Crow—7th Anniv. INT

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Scholastica Keimon INT

5:00 p.m.: Kevin Long RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Michael Alexander Cheah INT

*7:30 a.m.: Eleanor Miller RIP

8:00 a.m.: Sr. Teresita B-day INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Fr. Ed Broom INT

*7:30 a.m.: Michael Efstrotation RIP

8:00 a.m.: David Ode, MD RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Elizabeth Fieux INT

*7:30 a.m.: Jennifer Canzano INT

8:00 a.m.: Fr. William Fenton OCD RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: All Souls, Especially Members of FOSS

*7:30 a.m.: Benigno Reyes & Family INT

8:00 a.m.: Kathleen Browne INT

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Myrtle Green RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Fausto Vasquez RIP

8:00 a.m.: Maria Alcayaga RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m. All Souls, Especially Members of FOSS

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Fr. Jan Lundberg OCD INT

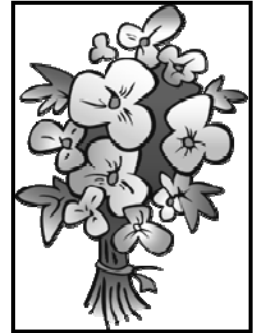
*Held in the Cloistered Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road—open to the public every day **except** on Sundays, Vigils and major holy days and holidays.

Floral Dedication

This week's dedications are
*In Loving Memory of the
Parents of Deacon Joe Mizerski:
Norbert and Regina Mizerski;*

and

*In Loving Memory of the
Parents of Lorraine Mizerski:
Omer and Lena Phaneuf*



There will be no flowers on the altar until **January 18**, but we are happy to accept your dedication for that date or after. To dedicate a floral arrangement in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, leave a message for Giovanna Setiady at 281-9049. Bouquets start at \$40.

Outside the Parish

NEW CATHOLIC TALK RADIO STATION! Immaculate Heart Radio KHJ 930AM began in July 2014. Check it out!

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Spain (attendance at Teresian Int'l Mtg in Avila) with **FR. LEONEL & FR. ROBERT BARCELOS** from Aug. 3-18, 2015 (16 days, 14 nights). \$4,568 each (dbl occ), includes airfare, lodging, 14 b'fasts/dinners, and 13 lunches. Contact Angela Yang, Avenue of Travel, at aokyang@gmail.com or 394-4367.

13-DAY HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE with Fr. Darrin Merlin, CMF, **June 23-July 5, 2015**, for \$4379 (all inclusive). For more info, call Albert or Mary Helen Estrada at 285-6687 or email remembertoptl@sbcglobal.net

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—AND help maintain the center. Also book hotels, cars, cruises, concerts, etc.

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.

If you have a relative with **Alzheimer's**, join our **Family Support Group** every 1st Friday at 6 p.m. at Vista Cove, 901 W. Santa Anita, SG. Call 289-8889 for more info.

Intentions of our Holy Father for December 2014:

1) That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will; 2) That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.

Lectors

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. Charitt Torres / Rebeca Willis

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Ron Sandoval / Blanca Ruvalcaba

9:00 a.m. Jim Raney / 5th Grade Students

11:00 a.m. Ignacio Verduzco / Marta Timar

5:00 p.m. Vickie Blair / Gil Vargas

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