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Saint Therese Church

April 12, 2015 Ministered by the Discalced Carmelite Friars Established 1924

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(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:

Annulment Facilitator: Deacon Joseph & Lorraine Mizerski—282-2744 (333)

Grief Support, 2nd/4th Wed., 2:30-4 pm:

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:

Magda Contreras (213) 300-7776

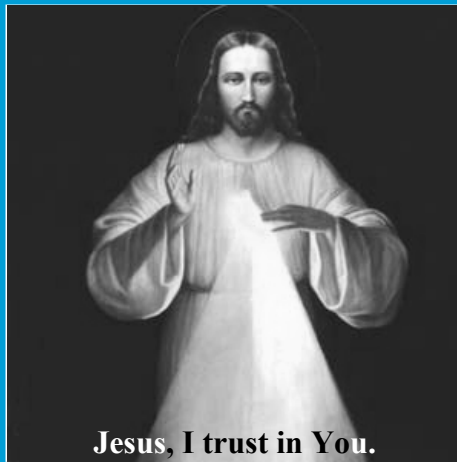
St. Joseph Prayer Group: Wednesdays,

6:15 pm - Albert Grana 576-0872

“Tea at Therese” Women’s Group:

(2nd & 4th Thursdays at 10 am)

Dara Barbosa (301)542-9701



Jesus, I trust in You.

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 / pgrimm.dir@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@stthereseschoolalhambra.org

Web Site: stthereseschoolalhambra.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** **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Continuous, day and night. Sign up for an hour of adoration and pray for vocations. **Coordinator:** Ruben Beltran – 284-0020 (2)

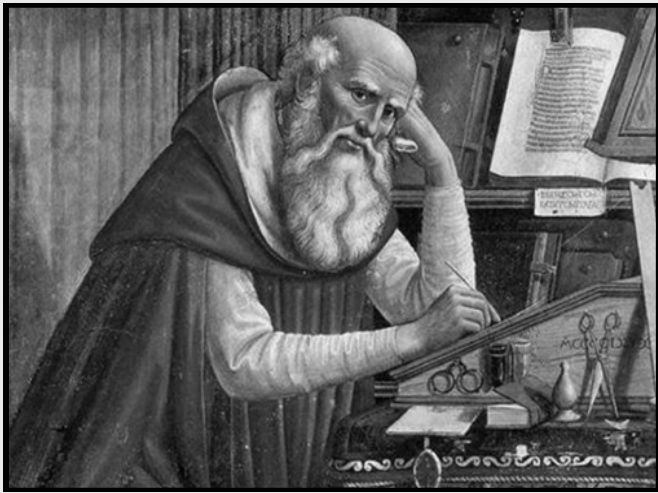
Divine Mercy Sunday - April 12, 2015

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? -1 John 5:5

CATECHESIS Q & A: DEEPENING OUR KNOWLEDGE

DOES A PRIEST HAVE TO BE HOLY IN ORDER FOR A SACRAMENT TO BE EFFECTIVE?

By Ruben Beltran, Confirmation Coordinator and Apologist



No, he does not, because ***Christ is the minister of all the Sacraments.*** The Donatists, a schismatic group from the 3rd and 4th centuries, preached that Sacraments administered by an unworthy minister could not be valid. However, St. Augustine rebuked them, saying, "...as important as the minister might be, it is the Word of God which is present in the Sacrament, and **this Word can be delivered by an unworthy minister.**"

When this Word of God is present sacramentally, divine power is operative even when it is not properly used. Christ is always the "Minister of the Sacraments," whether or not the human minister is living a holy life. The Sacraments are the activity of

the Church, the Body of Christ, so ultimately it is Christ Himself working in and through the Church. **Christ is the Minister who gives the Sacraments through the human minister, even if this human be unworthy.** As an analogy, if someone goes to a doctor who is not practicing a healthy lifestyle, the patient can still receive quality treatment. The doctor's ability to treat his patients does not depend on whether or not the doctor is in the best of health.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: "This is the meaning of the Church's affirmation that the Sacraments act 'ex opere operato' (literally: 'by the very fact of the action's being performed'), that is, by virtue of the saving work of Christ, accomplished once for all. It follows that **'the Sacrament is not wrought by the righteousness of either the celebrant or the recipient, but by the power of God.'** From the moment that a sacrament is celebrated in accordance with the intention of the Church, the power of Christ and His Spirit act in and through it, independently of the personal holiness of the minister. Nevertheless, the *fruits* of the Sacraments also depend on the disposition of the one who *receives* them" (1128). (For further reading, see CCC 1550-1584).

Augustine says in relation to the Sacrament of Baptism, "*Nor is the water 'profane and adulterous' over which the name of God is invoked, even though it be invoked by profane and adulterous persons, because neither the water itself, nor the name invoked, is adulterous. But the baptism of Christ, consecrated by the words of the Gospel, is necessarily holy—however polluted and unclean its ministers may be, because its inherent sanctity cannot be polluted, and the divine excellence abides in its Sacrament, whether to the salvation of those who use it aright, or to the destruction of those who use it wrong. Would you indeed maintain that, while the light of the sun or of a candle, diffused through unclean places, contracts no foulness in itself, yet the Baptism of Christ can be defiled by the sins of any man, whatsoever he may be? For if we turn our thoughts to the visible materials themselves, which are to us the medium of the sacraments, everyone must know that they admit of corruption. But if we think on that which they convey to us, who can fail to see that it is incorruptible, however much the men through whose ministry it is conveyed are either being rewarded or punished for the character of their lives?"*

SCHEDULE FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today, Sunday, April 12, is Divine Mercy Sunday. To mark this feast, we will have a special celebration at St. Therese as follows:

WHAT IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

3:00 to 4:00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Holy Hour and Chaplet of Divine Mercy

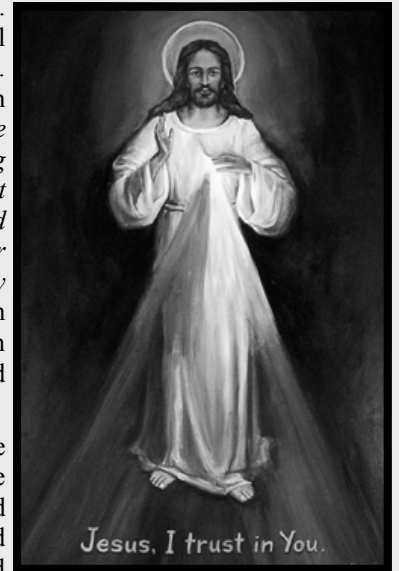
3:00 to 5:00 pm: Confessions

4:45 pm: Benediction

5:00 pm: Holy Mass

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

Beginning in February 1931, St. Faustina Kowalski, a Polish nun reported receiving visitations from Jesus. One of the things He asked her for was that a painting be made of the vision of His Merciful Heart and that a Feast of Divine Mercy be established on the first Sunday after Easter. According to St. Faustina's diary, Our Lord promised all those who would receive Him in Holy Communion and go to Confession on the Sunday after Easter "shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." She also related that Jesus told her, "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You.' The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the cross." When Pope John Paul canonized her in 2000, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would be known from then on as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotions associated with Faustina's visions.



PLENARY INDULGENCE: Our Lord promised that all those would attend Mass and receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday, as well as go to Confession and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father would obtain "complete forgiveness of their sins and punishment." Alternatively, the promise extends to those who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!") and go to Confession and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. In 2002, Pope John Paul extended the promise so that Confession can be made up to 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday. Be sure to join us and encourage others to come—especially those who may wish to return to the practice of their faith!

EL CARMELO MEN'S RETREAT COMING IN MAY:



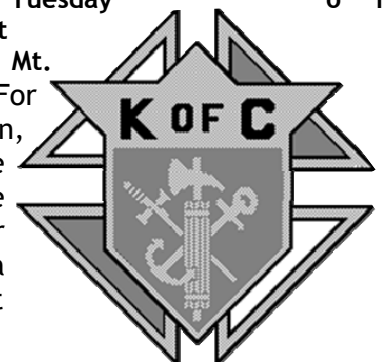
Come join the Men of St. Therese Parish on the weekend of **May 29, 30, and 31**, for our Annual Men's Retreat. The Theme of the retreat will be "Family: Today and in our Catholic Tradition" and it will be conducted by the Carmelite Fathers at El Carmelo Retreat House in Redlands. We have a great retreat Team: Fr. Adam Gonzales, OCD, Fr. Raymond Bueno,

OCD, and Brother Jason Parrot OCD. The rate for the weekend retreat is \$170 (shared room) or \$195 (single room) which includes a private bath, family-style meals, and an atmosphere of peace and tranquility. The retreat also includes the Sacraments, Conferences, private consultations, etc. A non-refundable \$50 deposit (check or money order made out to El Carmelo) is required to reserve your room. For reservations and/or information, contact Jack Day at (323) 722-9339 or Dean Tweedy at 712-3452.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: MEN! CONSIDER BECOMING KNIGHTS!

As a Knight, you can support your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith, and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family.

MEMBERS meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Avila Room. **OFFICERS meet** on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Mt. Carmel Room. For more information, call Mike Pulciano, the Grand Knight for the Alhambra Council, at 641-0870.





"La Dolce Vita," A Wine Tasting, Dinner and Dessert Spring Fund Raiser, hosted by GPS-Guadalupe Pregnancy Services

You are invited to this special event on **Sat., April 25, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall to support the free programs and services of the pregnancy (counseling, education and resources to mothers). A Silent Auction will also be held, all proceeds of which will benefit the Bus Fund for next year's Women's Parish Retreat to El Carmelo in Redlands. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door (subject to availability). To purchase a ticket, call Louisa Day at 360-5186 or Ernie O'Connor at 445-4333.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

STRE: classes are in session today, April 12, and on Sunday, April 26.

On Saturday, April 18, the 2nd year Eucharist students will attend a retreat/workshop in the Hall and church with their parents from Noon to 5:00 p.m., and then attend the 5:00 p.m. Mass together, at which they will celebrate their Rite of Covenant and blessing.

RCIA Adult Faith Formation

The next classes will be Thursdays, April 16, 23, and 30, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Adult Confirmation students should also attend).

CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH

Class is in session today, Sunday, April 12.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! **JESSE ROMERO** will be here on **Mon., April 20,** at 7:00 p.m. in the Hall. to speak about the errors of RELATIVISM. All Parents of Confirmation Students are **REQUIRED** to attend (free admission for them). (See page 6 for more information.)

Your Journey Begins at St. Therese Church

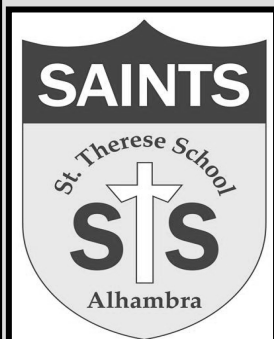


S A I N T T H E R E S E S C H O O L

...Proud to be a Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service!

"When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now." —Blessed Mother Teresa

- School will be back in session this Monday, April 13.
- First Communion Retreat/Workshop on April 18, Noon to 5:00 p.m.
- Family Mass on April 19 at 9:00 a.m.
 - First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2
 - No School on Memorial Day, May 25
 - Spirit Week Festivities from May 26 to 29



Jesus, I trust in You.

We encourage you to visit the school office or our website at 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 PRESENTATION CHAPEL OF PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



“It took me a long time as a convert to realize the presence of Christ as Man in the Sacrament. He is the same Jesus Who walked on earth, Who slept in the boat as the tempest arose, Who hungered in the desert, Who prayed in the garden, Who conversed with the woman by the well, Who rested at the house of Martha and Mary. Jesus is there as Man. He is there, Flesh and Blood, Soul and Divinity. He is always with us. Is it any wonder that Catholics are exultant in this knowledge, that their Leader is with them? ‘I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world.’” --Ven. Dorothy Day

BECOME A COMMITTED ADORER:

If you would like to make a commitment to come to the chapel once a week at the same hour, please contact the Coordinator, Ruben Beltran, at 284-0020 (2) to sign up.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

Below you will find the total collections for last weekend and for the previous four weekends.

April 4 / 5, 2015 (Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday)

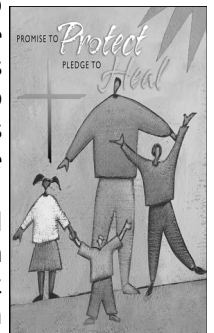
Unrestricted.....	\$27,760.00
Restricted	\$ 1,255.00
T O T A L	\$29,015.00

March 7 / 8	\$21,738.00
March 14 / 15	\$14,116.00
March 21 / 22	\$12,537.00
March 28 / 29	\$14,116.00

REGISTERED PARISHIONERS: Please use your pre-printed envelopes! It makes it easier to properly record your donations! Thank you.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN— “ DID YOU KNOW? ”

The Continuing Commitment to Protect Children and Young People As part of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles continuing commitment to protect children and young people, this past year, the Office of Safeguard the Children trained 30,514 adults and 166,850 children in the VIRTUS® Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Programs. In addition the Fingerprinting Department completed background checks on approximately 10,000 new clergy, employees and volunteers. For information about the VIRTUS® Programs contact: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or go to www.virtus.org.




CARMELITE SPIRITUAL READING GROUP



All are invited to join us **EVERY MONDAY from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the Mt. Carmel Room** (in the Parish Offices).

Meetings consist of spiritual reading, discussion, and prayer. All are welcome! For more info, contact Jim Gillett at 323-262-5721 or jimgillett@me.com.

GUADALUPE PREGNANCY SERVICES

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@gmail.com.

“WORD OF LIFE” Quote of the Week:

“Parents are called to teach their children to defend life, beginning with life in the womb, recognizing that life is a gift from God and an assurance for the future of humanity.”

~Pope Francis



NATIONAL SPEAKER JESSE ROMERO TO SPEAK ON RELATIVISM

Everyone is invited to hear this talk on Monday, April 20, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Admission is \$10 per person.

Parents of Confirmation students are **REQUIRED** to attend, and admission for them is free.



WHAT IS RELATIVISM?

It is the false belief that there is no universal, absolute truth, but that truth differs from person to person and from culture to culture. In other words, those who believe in Relativism think that truth is relative to what each person or culture thinks.



NFP CLASSES: Do you know that Natural Family Planning can be used to achieve or postpone a pregnancy? It can also be used to diagnose and treat various women's health issues like repetitive miscarriage, infertility, PMS, post-partum depression, painful cycles, and so much more! Our next Introductory Session will be Saturday, April 18, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Offices. For more information, contact Katrina Crow at 292-1906 or Katrina.fcp@gmail.com or Martha Lacayo at 372-0808.

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 date is April 7). 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 on April 25 at Noon). **Note: There are no Baptisms in March because of Lent.**

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 meet in the Parish Offices from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month. The next meeting will be on April 22. 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 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). The next meeting will be on April 23. 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 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.



Mass Intentions

For the Week of 4/11/15 to 4/18/15



Saturday:
5:00 p.m.: Augustin Juarez RIP

Sunday
*7:30 a.m.: Easter Novena 7
7:30 a.m.: Diethu Nguyen INT
9:00 a.m.: Parishioners of St. Therese
11:00 a.m.: Steven Garcia and Jesus & Adela Barrera RIP
1:00 p.m. (Latin): Mary & Alfred Constantine RIP
5:00 p.m.: Kenneth A. Locke RIP

Monday:
6:00 a.m.: Easter Novena 8
*7:30 a.m.: Fr. Robert, INT
8:00 a.m.: Suzanne Singh INT

Tuesday:
6:00 a.m.: Easter Novena 9
*7:30 a.m.: Robert Bria RIP
8:00 a.m.: Thelma Piol INT

Wednesday:
6:00 a.m.: Adelaida Hernandez INT
*7:30 a.m.: Huo ChenYuMei, Huo KuoShung & Huo Tai Seng RIP
8:00 a.m.: Engracia Vales INT

Thursday:
6:00 a.m.: Basilio Francisco RIP
*7:30 a.m.: Justin Yeo RIP
8:00 a.m.: Ozzie Delgadillo INT

Friday:
6:00 a.m.: Easter Flower Memorial Mass
*7:30 a.m.: Theresa Flagstad RIP
8:00 a.m.: Sara Ortiz RIP

Saturday:
6:00 a.m.: Huong Tran INT
*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community
8:00 a.m.: Frank McDermott 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



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 are \$40 and up.

Personal Ads

HELP WANTED: Pt-time companion/caregiver for senior in North SG. Main duties: Light assistance with bathing, dressing, meals. Mon-Fri., approx. times: 6-9 am and/or 5-9 pm. Must provide multiple references. For more info, call 818-620-9629.

Deaths

Death leaves a heartache
No one can heal.
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

† Rita Cortez
(mother of Denise Lopez)

Outside the Parish

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Spain (with attendance at Teresian Int'l Mtg in Avila) with **FR. LEONEL VARELA AND FR. ROBERT BARCELOS** from Aug. 3-18, 2015 (16 days, 14 nights). Price reduced to \$4,170 each (dbl occ), includes airfare, lodging, 14 b'fasts/dinners, and 13 lunches. **SPACE IS LIMITED!** Contact Angela Yang, Avenue of Travel, at aokyang@gmail.com or 394-4367.

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 experiencing 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.

Intentions of our Holy Father for April 2015:

1) That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God; and 2) That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

Lectors

Saturday:

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

Divine Mercy Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Ron Sandoval / Jackie Johnson

9:00 a.m. Lorraine Mizerski / Lucas Setiady

11:00 a.m. Andy Zepeda / Ignacio Verduzco

5:00 p.m. Gil Vargas / Heinrich Ranches

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