

SAINT THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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January 19, 2020 **MINISTERED BY THE DISCALCED CARMELITE FRIARS** Estab. 1924



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Bro. Jason Parrott, OCD (7th Grade Teacher)

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Deacon Gilbert Vargas X333

NEW PARISHIONERS

Register in the office
at 510 N. El Molino
Street, Alhambra.

Office Hours are Monday through
Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm;
from 2:00 to 5:00 pm; and from
6:00 to 8:00 pm (closed from
1:00 to 2:00 pm and
from 5:00 to 6:00 pm).

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
is open 24/7. An electronic key is
needed from 5:00 pm to 6:00 am
(available in the office for \$20).

SAINT THERESE CARMELITE SCHOOL (626) 289-3364

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(Grade School, Confirmation

for Youth & Adults,
RCIA, and Liturgical
Ministries): Call
the main office

MASSES AND SERVICES

Monday-Saturday: 6:00 & 8:00 a.m.
Carmelite Cloister: 7:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.
Latin High Mass: 1:00 p.m.

Confessions: Wed: 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Sat: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Daily Rosary: Mon-Sat after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Exposition/Benediction: Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

First Friday: Mass and Confessions: 7:30 p.m.

Baptisms: Once a month on a Saturday

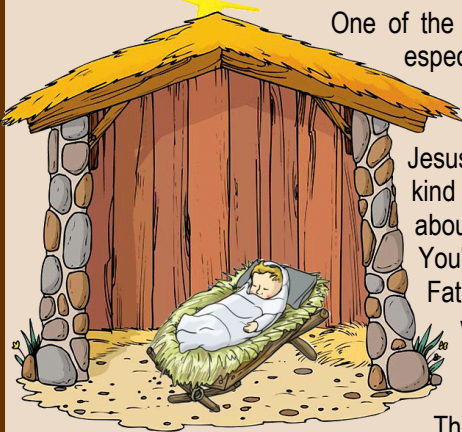
Weddings: Fill out an application (website or office) six months+ in advance

Holy Communion to the Sick: Fred & Margaret Padilla, (626) 282-0943

Anointing of the Sick: Call the office to schedule an appointment.



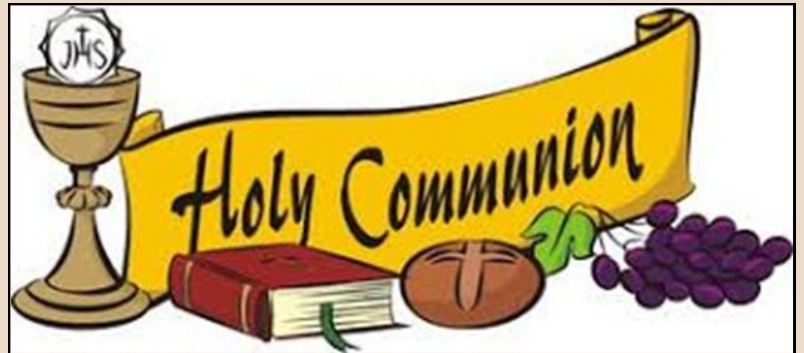
"The Mass Isn't About You; It's About God"



One of the aspects of our Catholic life which perhaps has the greatest draw out of all of them, especially for those who wander away from the fold, is Holy Communion. At Christmas we heard that Jesus was born in a town called Bethlehem. Maybe that sounds like yet another strange Hebrew name, but it actually means, "House of Bread." For the Lord Jesus to be born in a feeding trough, a manger, in a city called House of Bread, is not some kind of meaningless detail. Now you know that I'm like a broken record; I'm constantly going on about how the Mass isn't about you; it's about God. It's the central act of Catholic worship. You've heard that from me a million times. The Mass is the self sacrifice of Jesus to His Father on Calvary, re-presented in ritual form. That ritual form is the perfect form of worship, whereby we give God His due. It is perfect because it is God Himself in the person of the Son, who pays worship to the Father.

That is why whenever we come to Mass, even if we don't receive Communion, our participation in it is still the perfect act of worship. It is the most pleasing thing we can ever offer to God, because we are offering Him His very own Son. Jesus died on the cross, completing the sacrifice of propitiation, which is why the priest, who stands in the person of Christ at the altar, receives the entire contents of the host and the chalice to symbolize the consummation and completion of the sacrifice. You know, even if there were a million people at Mass, the priest has to consume the Sacrifice, the Victim, even if not one other person receives. If I drop dead after the consecration, another priest would have to come in to complete the sacrifice. In that sacrifice, the symbolism of its completion is when the priest consumes the elements. I know a priest who regularly celebrates the Latin Mass. Recently he got the flu and was sicker than a dog, but he was insistent on celebrating Mass. Because he was so sick, he fainted right after the consecration. Father was laying on the ground in front of the altar muttering, "I have to finish the Sacrifice! I have to finish it." He was fighting people off who were trying to assist him off the altar so that he could finish the Mass before going home. That's how important Mass is!

Our Lord doesn't want us to be mere spectators at Calvary. He wants us to be intimately united with the sacrifice by sharing in Holy Communion. Think about how wonderful this is. Even in the smallest, most infinitesimal particle of the consecrated Bread or in the tiniest drop of the consecrated Wine, we receive the whole Christ. We are united to Him no longer by symbol, even though He remains under the veil of the elements of bread and wine. What begins at Calvary isn't just a commemoration of a bloody death in an unbloody manner. We are transported from Golgotha, from a Green Hill outside of Jerusalem, to the wedding feast of the Lamb. We are transported to Heaven, to a cosmic banquet where Heaven meets earth and prefigures eternal glory.



"Behold the Lamb of God. Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to His supper."



When we are baptized, we are united to Christ as a bridegroom to his bride—a total, complete, ecstatic, joyful union. That is why we need "to have our wedding garment on." In the ordinary form of the Rite of Baptism of a child, the priest places a white garment on him or her and says, "See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity, with your family and friends to help you by word and example. Bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of Heaven." At that moment, every new Christian, it doesn't matter whether she's 100 years old or one day old, is part of the vision John had in the Book of Revelation, Chapter Seven: "They have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb." That is why when we come to the wedding feast of the Lamb and feast upon the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ in Holy Communion, we must be clothed in our wedding garment, unstained by sin.

By Fr. Christopher Smith, Pastor of Prince of Peace, Taylors, South Carolina

The Catholic Church's discipline on who may and who may not receive Holy Communion comes down to this, *"Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."* None of us are worthy for a place at the King's table; however, if we are called to take our place there, we must not presume to eat and drink unless we have preserved our royal dignity by not sullyng it with disobedience to the Master. First Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verse 27, says, *"Whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner is guilty concerning the Body and Blood of the Lord."*



The Church bids us to exclude ourselves from the table unless we are vested in our wedding garment. She commands Her pastors to publicly deny Holy Communion to unrepentant, notorious public sinners, lest their spiritual disease infect others into also thinking that they can defy God and eat and drink to their own condemnation. We comprise one of the largest religious groups in the history of humanity—with over a billion Catholics in the world. It's absolutely amazing to think about. But I also think that if billions of Catholics are receiving the living God every Sunday, then why is our world still such a mess? Why is there still so much poverty and injustice and discrimination and hatred and violence in the world if the Love who came down from Heaven is literally coming into the bodies of a million people at any one time? Why do so many Catholics—week in and week out—receive Communion over and over again, but their lives don't change and our world doesn't change as a result?

It is because we cannot become Who we receive in Holy Communion unless, at the same time, we are fulfilling that commandment of the Lord, *"Love the Lord your God with your whole heart and your whole soul and your whole mind and your neighbor as yourself."* You cannot love what you don't know. If we do not study our faith, if we do not pray, if we do not perform the corporal and spiritual works of mercy (so many of which are put right in our paths), we can receive Communion a million times, and it will not be fruitful. Now there's nothing lacking in the living God, Whom we receive, but there is much lacking in our love and that, my friends, is why our world is not more a place of greater kindness and compassion. Now, you have heard me talk often about the need to prepare for Holy Communion, and we often take that to mean, *"Ok, I'll spend a few minutes of silent, recollected prayer."* You've heard me talk over and over again about the need to stay after Mass and give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist. We often take that to mean a few minutes of praise and thanksgiving, but I mean a lot more than that.

Our entire life must become an act of preparation and thanksgiving for Holy Communion, for that loving living union with the true and eternal God. When I see people checking their watch anxiously because Mass has gone past the half hour or one hour time limit that they've arbitrarily assigned as a pittance out of their excess and not their substance for the worship of God; when I see people do the "Judas shuffle" and take Jesus right out into the parking lot because they have more important things to do than to worship of God, you have no idea how sad it makes me. Every time I hear that door slam right after Communion, it just makes me think, "why?" It makes me sad because I think of the words of Jesus to the woman at the well, *"If you knew the gift of God and Who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."*

It makes me sad because I think if we can't spend this short time here on earth in an act of worship, how are we going to enjoy Heaven, which is an eternal act of worship? **There is literally not one thing more important at any given time than the Mass. There is literally not one person who deserves your time more than the Lord, who invites you.** That is why it is so important for us to think like the disciples on the road to Emmaus when they said, *"Stay with us Lord, for the day is now far spent."* Whether we like it or not, the time Jesus gives us is a gift to do His will on Earth is running out. We know neither the day nor the hour when He will come like a thief in the night and knock on the door of our heart and say, *"My beloved, your time has come."* I can't wait for that moment. But will we be like the wise virgins who are ready with lighted lamps to open wide the doors to their lover? Or will we be like the foolish, so preoccupied with passing things and the petty dramas of this world, that we have neither oil nor light? And so we hear those dreaded words of the Lord, *"I do not know you."* Every time we receive Holy Communion, it is a dress rehearsal for that day that will end all days when the Lord will ravish us with the delights of His love. Not for one moment under the veils of the Bread and Wine, but for all eternity. He will draw back the veil that keeps us, His Bride, from Him and all will be revealed. **Are we ready for that day and will He recognize us as His own beloved?**



BUS TO WEST COAST "WALK FOR LIFE"

Vox Vitae invites YOU to join them for the Walk for Life in San Francisco next Saturday, January 25th! The Walk and its counterpart, the March for Life in Washington, DC, commemorate the anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that stripped legal protection from unborn children on January 22, 1973. Since then, more than 60 million babies have been aborted in the United States. The Walk for Life is not a party. Rather, over 60,000 people gather together to remember the dead and resolve anew to work to end abortion. We remember also the wounded mothers, fathers, and other family members of the babies.

REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN to go to the 2020 Walk for Life (we have TWO buses!). Join us! You can register at VoxVitae.org at the Events page. Our tentative schedule on **Saturday, January 25, is:**



Please be a VOICE FOR LIFE! Register today! We're filling up fast!

Midnight - Check-in at St. Therese Church; **1:00 a.m.**—Depart; **7:00 a.m.**—Arrive in San Francisco; **7:30 a.m.**—Continental breakfast; **9:30 a.m.**—Mass at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption; **11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**—Info Faire (Lunch can be purchased; bring your own lunch money!); **12:30-1:30 p.m.**—Speakers and rally; **1:30 p.m.**—Walk for Life; **4:30 p.m.**—Bus pick-up at Pier 1; **5:00 p.m.**—Protest at UCSF, the nation's abortion training headquarters and where they harvest organs from late-term babies; **5:30 p.m.**—Bus pick-up at UCSF; **6:00 p.m.**—FREE BBQ dinner at Our Lady Star of the Sea; **7:30 p.m.**—Bus pick-up at Our Lady Star of the Sea; **1:30 a.m.**—Arrive back at St. Therese Church on January 26.

The anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade* is an especially important time to demand legal protection for unborn babies.

COR JESU YOUTH

Our next **SERVICE** event will be next weekend, the Walk for Life in San Francisco (see above).

THANK YOU to all those who donated blankets and LOTS of warm clothing for those in need; to John "Fun Coordinator" Wrot and all the participating youth (Anna, Elizabeth, James, Gianna, and Aliya) for the hilarious skit; to Mauricio Guardado for his powerful testimonial about his time in El Salvador as a former Communist turned devout Catholic dad; to Sr. Mary Joseph, Sr. Pia, and Fr. David for sharing stories about the Carmelite Saints; to the Gomez Family for picking up the pizza; and to JESUS, for forgiving our sins and working in us!



Christmas Caroling at Santa Teresita (12/2019)

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

"...for God loves a cheerful giver"
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

May God reward you! Below you will find the total collections for the last few weekends.

NOTE: The second collection on the 2ND WEEKEND each month is for our School (next is February 8 / 9).



January 11 / 12, 2020

Unrestricted.....\$10,237.00
 Restricted \$ 6,099.00
T O T A L \$16,336.00

December 21 / 22..... \$34,115.00
 Christmas 2019..... \$ 15,511.00
 December 28 / 29..... \$ 15,189.00
 January 4 / 5..... \$ 13,373.00

Check Users:
 Please use a donation envelope in order to more easily credit your account.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



STRE (Kindergarten through 8th Grade, including Eucharist Preparation): Welcome back! Next classes are **Sunday, January 26.**

CONFIRMATION (High School): Next classes for First Year (C1) are **Sunday, February 2, at 9:00 a.m., and Tuesday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m.** Classes for Second Year (C2) are **Sunday, January 26, at 9:00 a.m., and Tuesday, January 28, at 7:00 p.m.**

RCIA: For those wishing to become Catholic or to complete your Sacraments, join us! Classes are held in the Parish Meeting Room on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming dates are **January 23 and 30.**

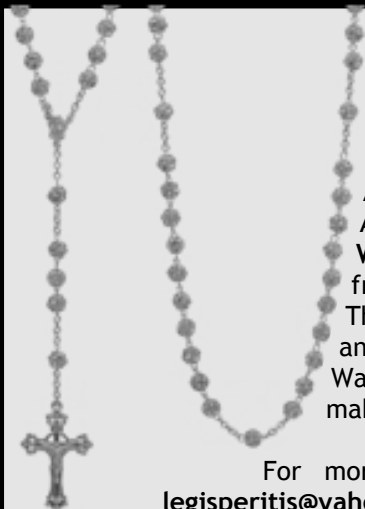
ST. VITUS DANCE ACADEMY

Attention: Students in Grades 5 through 12! Want to learn to dance? This class is perfect for beginners and experienced dancers alike! Ballroom styles will be covered, with a primary focus on East Coast Swing. In addition, students will be introduced to folk styles, such as Square, Contra, and English Country dancing. Through interactive lessons, students will learn how to connect rhythms from the music to their steps. At the completion of the classes, students will have learned a wide variety of dance steps, preparing them to confidently approach the dance floor on any occasion. As this class is cumulative, weekly attendance is recommended for the best class experience.



Classes are held in the Hall from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. First classes were **January 10/17; remaining classes will be on January 24 and 31.** Cost is \$5 per lesson (*paid monthly*). That's four lessons for \$20! Questions? Contact Jessica Standage at jcpianjo@yahoo.com or Michelle Sandberg at (323) 346-5012 (call or text).

RESPECT LIFE ROSARY



Join the San Gabriel Valley of the Knights of Columbus in praying the Rosary in front of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (125 S. Grand Avenue, Pasadena) this **Wednesday, January 22, from Noon to 1:00 p.m.** That day marks the 47th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision making abortion legal.

For more info, email **David** at legisperitis@yahoo.com or **Tim** at jayod@verizon.net or call 422-3211.

CATHOLIC KARATE

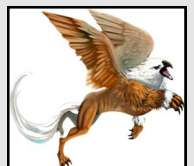
Youth (Boys and Girls)! Learn to defend yourself and earn your black belt.

Classes on Thursdays (New session started January 9):

- New students and White Belts (ages 6-17): 5:15-5:55 pm
- Yellow Belts: 6:00-6:40 p.m.
- Orange & Above: 6:45-7:25 p.m.
- Men (Thursdays from Jan. 9 to Feb. 6): 7:30-8:10 p.m.—\$65 for the five Thursdays

Weekly Class Fees

- 1st Youth: \$10 per week
- 2nd Youth: +\$7 per week
- 3rd Youth: +\$7 per week
- Add'l Youth: +\$5 per week
- Registration Fee: \$5 each student



Questions? Email SenseiJohnWrot@gmail.com.

BLOOD DRIVE NEXT SUNDAY!

The Alhambra Knights of Columbus Council 2431 and St. Therese Church will host a Blood Drive **NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**, in the Parish Hall (benefitting the patients of City of Hope). Schedule your life-saving donation today! Either call our appointment line at 218-7171 or go online to www.idonateblood4hope.org (click LOCATE A BLOOD DRIVE and then enter the code **STAL** in the second box in the section, "Search by Sponsor"). Although appointments are recommended, walk-ins are welcome. Please bring a valid photo ID or a passport to register. Donors must be in good health, with no cold or flu symptoms on the day of the Blood Drive. Each participant will receive one In-N-Out gift card after donating blood. For any questions, please call the number listed above. **God bless you for caring!**



Ongoing Events/Meetings

BIBLE STUDY: Classes meet at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesdays** in the Parish Meeting Room between September and June. For more info, contact Debbie Robles at debrobles@me.com or at 679-6370.

CATHOLIC KARATE is for boys, girls, and men from 7 to 60. Learn self-defense, increased self-control, and confidence. For more info, contact John at SenseiJohnWrot@gmail.com.

CONSECRATION TO MARY: Follow-up group for those already consecrated to Jesus through His mother, the Mother of God. Meet at 6:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. For more info, call Angela at (310) 701-8386.

DETENTION MINISTRY: If you're 21 or older, join us in visiting the youth (ages 8 to 18) in the Juvenile Detention Center in L.A. To sign up or for more info, call Sonia at (323) 724-6443.

EnCOURAGE: Standing fully by the teachings of the Church, we are a group of faithful Catholic parents who support one another and our loved ones with same sex attraction, through discussion, prayer, fellowship and sacrifice. Meet monthly in the LA Archdiocese with our chaplain in a safe confidential setting. For more info, contact your local chapter (EnCourage for **parents**: EnCourage.LosAngeles@gmail.com; OR Courage LA for **persons struggling with same sex attraction**: CourageCA.LosAngeles@gmail.com).

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: Held every First Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: This group (originally formed in honor of Patricia Bordonaro) is for those grieving 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 January 22.**

INTERCESSORS FOR PRIESTS PRAYER GROUP: Join us in the Avila Room in the Parish Offices to pray for priests every **Thursday at 8:00 p.m.** (following Benediction in the church). For more info, call Blanca at 281-7070.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: For Catholic men (18 or over) looking to strengthen their faith through serving the Church & community. Call the Alhambra Grand Knight, Frank Bodeman, at (888) 869-3124.

LEGION OF MARY: The object of the Legion is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation. Winter Meetings are Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m., in the Parish Offices (Lisieux Room).

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: For info on Church teaching about openness to life, contact Jack & Katrina Crow at 292 -1906 or katrina.fcp@gmail.com for **English** OR Martha Lacayo for **Spanish** at 372-0808 or Martha.fcp@gmail.com. Introductory sessions to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System/NaproTechnology are normally on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact one of them to register for the classes.

RISE MEN'S MINISTRY: All men who have made the challenge at www.MenRiseUp.org are encouraged to join us on **Saturday mornings for the Rosary at 6:45 a.m., followed by a video and discussion from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m.** in the Parish Meeting Room. For questions, contact Greg Keller at greglks@yahoo.com.

ROSARY MAKERS: Help make rosaries to be sent to Catholics in third-world countries. Sessions are held on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Avila Room of the Parish Offices. For more info, call Maria Alejandra at 993-4236.

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GROUP: Come to the church every **Wednesday at 6:15 p.m.** to pray for peace and justice issues in our community and around the world. For more info, call Lucy at 281-3706.

Mass Intentions

**For the Week of
January 18 through January 25, 2020**

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Lauryl McGrath, INT

Sunday

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

7:30 a.m.: Jeannie Zino, INT

9:00 a.m.: Deputy Joseph Solano, RIP

11:00 a.m.: Carmelite Friars of Cal-AZ Province, INT

1:00 p.m.: (Latin): Joey DiScianni & Patrick Ennis, RIP

5:00 p.m.: Parishioners

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Injo Tek Hok, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Licia Nicassio, OCD, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Susie Herrera, RIP

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: The McAllister Family, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Philip Liu, Jr., RIP

Wednesday:

6:00 a.m.: Flora & John Santoso, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Licia Nicassio, RIP

8:00 a.m.: Daniel Cathcart, RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Park Ho Soon Maria, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Carmelita Basco, RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Deputy Joseph Solano, RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Mother Brenda Marie, OCD, INT

8:00 a.m.: Raymond Tittmann, Birthday INT

Saturday:

6:00 a.m.: Teddy Yang, INT

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Marilyn Tholen, OCDS, RIP

*Held at the Carmelite Chapel, 215 East Alhambra Road. Open to the public except on Sundays and holidays.

Floral Dedications

This week's dedication is:

† In Loving Memory
of
Giancarlo Moretti



Consider making a floral dedication in someone's honor, for a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one! Bouquets are \$50+ each. To arrange for a dedication, call Giovanna at 281-9049.

Outside the Parish

Pasadena Community Orchestra presents its second FREE concert of the season **Friday, January 24**, at 8 pm, in the Sanctuary of First Church of the Nazarene (PazNaz), 3700 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena-- 1 block west of Michillinda Ave/ La Salle High School. The concert will feature the world premiere of local composer Dante Luna's **Stamping Grounds**. Beethoven's masterful **Coriolan Overture** will open the program, which will also include Charles Griffes' **The White Peacock** and Kalinnikov's **Symphony No. 1 in G minor**. A light reception will be offered following the concert. Do come - the music will be wonderful, seating is comfortable (and wheel-chair safe), and parking is free. For further information, please call 626.445.6708 or see PCO's website at: <http://www.pcomusic.org>.

HELP FOR MARRIAGES: 82% of marriages that complete the nine-month *Retrouvaille* (REH-tro-v-eye) program are still together five years later? For questions or registration, call 909-900-5465 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Confidential!

Lectors

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Alice Cheung

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Blanca Ruvalcaba / Flora Santoso

9:00 a.m. John Kienker

11:00 a.m. Lucy Lopez / Pat Cervantes

5:00 p.m. Peter Chiu

Personal Ads

Do your out-of-town guests need a place to stay? **AirBnB** Private Suite w/private bath in Monterey Park is offered by a St. Therese parishioner. Special discount available. Go to www.airbnb.com/rooms/32517189.

SEEKING TO RENT a private room with a non-sharing bath. Clean, quiet, non-smoking/non-drinking lady always pays on time. Can afford up to \$700/ mo., plus security. Call Valerie at 353-7648.