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Saint Therese Church

March 8, 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 Joeseeph & 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 OR
magdacontreras64@yahoo.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)



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)

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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)

Third Sunday of Lent ~ March 8, 2015

I, the Lord, am your God... You shall not have other gods besides me. —Exodus 20:2

CATECHESIS Q & A: DEEPENING OUR KNOWLEDGE

WHAT IS A CATHOLIC ANNULMENT?

Submitted by Deacon Joe & Lorraine Mizerski (Parish Annulment Facilitators)



Part One of Two (Conclusion on 3/15/15)

"Annulment" is an unfortunate word that is sometimes used to refer to a Catholic "declaration of nullity." Actually, nothing is made null through the process. Rather, a Church tribunal (a Catholic Church court) declares that a marriage thought to be valid according to Church law actually fell short of at least one of the essential elements required for a binding union. A valid Catholic marriage results from five elements: (1) the spouses are free to marry; (2) they freely exchange their consent; (3) in consenting to marry, they have the intention to marry for life, to be faithful to one another and be open to children; (4) they intend the good of each other; and (5) their consent is given in the presence of two witnesses and before a properly authorized Church minister. Exceptions to the last requirement must be approved by church authority.

Why does the Church require a divorced Catholic to obtain a declaration of nullity before re-marrying in the Church? The Church presumes that marriages are valid and lifelong; therefore, unless the ex-spouse has died, the Church requires the divorced Catholic to obtain a declaration of nullity before re-marrying. The tribunal process seeks to determine if something essential was missing from the relationship from the moment of consent, that is, the time of the wedding. If so, the Church can declare that a valid marriage never actually brought occurred on the wedding day.

What does the tribunal process involve? Several steps are involved. The person who is asking for the declaration of nullity (the petitioner) submits written testimony about the marriage and a list of persons who are familiar with the marriage. These people must be willing to answer questions about the spouses and the marriage. The tribunal will contact the ex-spouse (the respondent), who has a right to be involved. The respondent's cooperation is welcome but not essential. In some cases the respondent does not wish to become involved; the case can still move forward. Both the petitioner and the respondent can read the testimony submitted, except that protected by civil law (for example, counseling records). Each party may appoint a Church advocate who could represent the person before the tribunal. A representative for the Church, called the defender of the bond, argues for the validity of the marriage. After the tribunal has reached a decision, it is reviewed by a second tribunal. Both parties can participate in this second review as well.

How long does the process take? It can vary from diocese to diocese, often taking 12 to 18 months or longer in some cases. The diocesan tribunal may be able to give you a more exact estimate.

How can a couple married for many years present a case? The tribunal process examines the events leading up to, and at the time of, the wedding ceremony, in an effort to determine whether what was required for a valid marriage was ever brought about. The length of common life is not proof of validity but a long marriage does provide evidence that a couple had some capacity for a life-long commitment. It does not prove or disprove the existence of a valid marriage bond.

If a marriage is declared null, does it mean that the marriage never existed? No. It means it was not valid according to Church law. A declaration of nullity does not deny that a relationship existed. It simply states that the relationship was missing something that the Church requires for a sacramental marriage.

To begin your own annulment process, please contact Deacon Joseph and Lorraine Mizerski at 282-2744 (333).

LENTEN SCHEDULE

SOUP NITES are held in the Parish Hall on all the Fridays of Lent-- from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. **UPCOMING SPONSORS:** Mar 13: Bible Study Group & Rosary Makers; Mar 20: Confirmation; Mar. 27: The Scouts

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are held in the church on all the Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m. We also offer a **PRE-SCHOOL VERSION** (for children from 3 to 5 years of age) on the Fridays of Lent at 5:15 p.m.

ABSTINENCE All Catholics 14 years of age and over are required to abstain from eating meat on all the Fridays of Lent in honor of the Passion of Jesus.

LENTEN VIDEO NIGHT

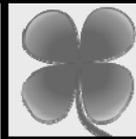
The next video night will be on **Saturday, March 14**, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room of the Parish Center (2nd floor). We will be showing a Lenten "must," **THE**



PASSION OF THE CHRIST. NOTE: All are invited, but please be aware many images may be too intense for children.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY FAMILY CELEBRATION!



You are invited to "put on the green" and come to our St. Paddy's Day celebration—for all ages! It will be held in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday, March 17**, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

The celebration will consist of a potluck dinner, drinks (including beer), Irish Step-Dancers, Irish bands, songs, and Ceili (group Irish dancing) lessons and dancing for everyone!

THE COST TO ATTEND IS EITHER 1) the *POTLUCK DINNER (items listed below) OR 2) \$5 PER PERSON.



FOR THE *IRISH POTLUCK DINNER: Please bring **CORNER BEEF, CABBAGE, AND POTATOES**—enough for your family, and two other persons.

In addition to all the above fun, we will also have **TWO COMPETITIONS:**

- 1) An **IRISH-THEMED BAKING COMPETITION!** Bring any Irish-themed dessert or baked good to share and enter to win a prize!; and
- 2) A **ST. PATRICK-THEMED ART COMPETITION FOR KIDS!** Kids will bring (or create at the party) a St. Patrick-themed piece of art and enter to win a kid's prize!



TO VOLUNTEER OR FOR MORE INFO, contact Kelly Mohun at (805) 421-7548 or 1stkdoc@gmail.com



This Lent (through Palm Sunday), join 650,000+ people worldwide to prayerfully witness to life and help save women and babies in our community! **40 Days for Life** is a peaceful prayer vigil held outside an abortion facility. It has helped save thousands of babies' lives and spared thousands of women from abortion. Your prayerful presence is all that is necessary to help an abortion-inclined mom to change her mind. **We will be outside the Alhambra Planned Parenthood at 320 S. Garfield, Suite 126, Alhambra, Monday through Saturday, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day.** We are asking parishioners to join us there one day a week for 3 hours to pray. For any questions, contact Catherine Contreras at (213) 435-3942 or Louisa Day at (323) 360-5186.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: MEN! CONSIDER BECOMING A KNIGHT!

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. These are just some of the reasons to become a Knight. We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor. **For more information, call Mike Pulciano, the Grand Knight for the Alhambra Council, at 641-0870.**

LADIES' NIGHT: Shop for A Cause!

Ladies! On Sat., April 11, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Meeting Room, come and enjoy a night out with hors d'oeuvres, music, and fun products just for ladies—all while supporting St. Therese Church! There will be FREE samples and a door prize. Extra raffle entries if you buy tickets ahead of time. Vendors include Doterra Essential Oils, Wardrobe Weeder, Jamberry Nail Wraps, Mary Kay Cosmetics and Skin Care, Premier Designs Jewelry, and more! Do it for yourself! Cover charge is \$5 each. (Sponsored by "Tea at Therese" Women's Group)



EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Flower envelopes are in the pews (and in your March/April envelope sets) to help us to decorate the church with palms and Easter lilies for Palm Sunday and Easter. You may make a donation in memory of a loved one; just write the name of the person(s) on the envelope. A Mass will be offered for all those who are enrolled.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

STRE: Next classes will be on Palm Sunday, March 29. Please remember that all families are required to attend the 11:00 a.m. Mass together.



RCIA Adult Faith Formation

Classes are held on Thursdays. The remaining classes for this month will be on March 12 and 26, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Adult

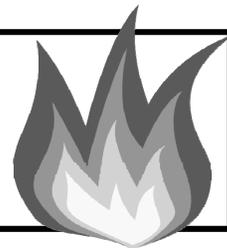
Confirmation students should also attend).

CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH

Next classes are on March 22 and 29, including attendance at the 5:00 p.m.

Your Journey Begins at St. Therese



Mass for all students and their families.

JESSE ROMERO will be here on Mon., Mar. 23, at 7 pm in the Hall to speak about RELATIVISM. All Parents of Confirmation Students are REQUIRED to attend (free admission for them). (See page 6 for more information.)

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!

Mass is the best place to thank God for the gifts that He gives to us—especially life, family, friends, faith, and love.

- Stations of the Cross Every Friday During Lent at 2pm in the Church
- No School on March 13 (for Religious Education Conference)
- Future First Graders Open House on March 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Classroom
- St. Patrick's Family Party in the Hall on Tues., March 17, from 6:00-10:00 pm (see details on Page 3).
- Silent Auction Soiree on March 21 at the Thursday Club in La Canada
- Feast of Annunciation—All School Mass on March 25 at 10:00 a.m.
- Living Stations of the Cross on April 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the Hall
- No School on Good Friday, April 3.
- Easter Break from April 6-10; School Resumes on April 13
- Ongoing New Student Registration for TK - 8th Grade
- Ongoing Student Guest Program - Your child can experience a day at school!



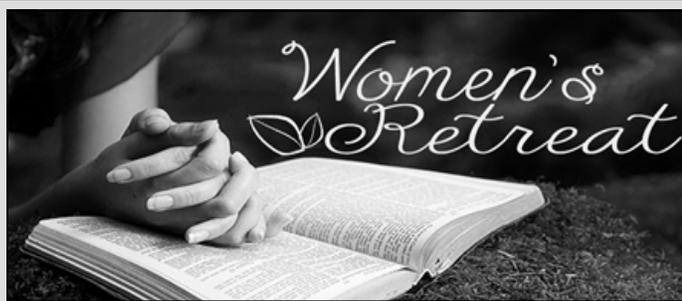
ADORATION CHAPEL



"When you awake in the night, transport yourself quickly in spirit before the Tabernacle, saying: 'Behold, my God, I come to adore You, to praise, thank, and love you, and to keep you company with all the Angels.' " --*St. John Vianney*

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.

ELECTRONIC KEY: Also, if you come to the Chapel between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., you will need to register for an electronic key (\$20 fee) as the chapel will be locked during those hours (it is **NOT** locked during the day). Please call Ruben Beltran at 284-0020 (2).



Come and join the women from St. Therese on the weekend of **March 13, 14, and 15**. The retreat is conducted by our Carmelite Friars in Redlands. This year's Retreat Team is Fr. Adam, Fr. Raymond, and Bro. Jason. The rates for the weekend are \$170 (shared room) or \$195 (single room), which includes a comfortable room with private bath, family-style meals, and an atmosphere of peace and beauty. We require a \$50 non-refundable deposit (check or money order made out to El Carmelo) for your room. We will assign your room as soon as we receive your deposit. The Retreat also includes the Sacraments, conferences, private consultations, etc. **Bus transportation is provided.** For reservations and/or info, call Louisa Day at 323-360-5186, Cecilia Tweedy at 712-3478, or Ernie O'Conner at 445-4333. Brochures are in the church vestibule.

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@ymail.com.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

May God reward you!

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

February 28 / March 1, 2015

Unrestricted.....	\$14,210.00
Restricted	\$ 1,652.00
T O T A L	\$15,862.00

January 31 / February 1.....	\$15,935.00
February 7 / 8.....	\$16,918.00
February 14 / 15.....	\$12,150.00
February 21 / 22.....	\$18,715.00

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

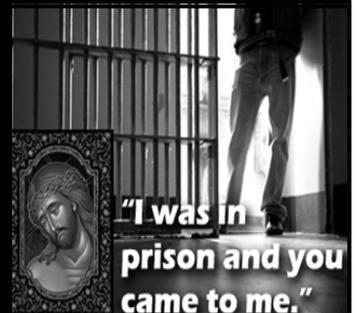


CATHOLIC TRADITION

TALK:

The next Catholic Tradition Talk will be **Friday, March 13**, at 8:00 p.m. (after the Stations), in the Parish Meeting Room of the Parish Center (2nd floor). Our topic will be **CELTIC CHRISTIANITY**, especially appropriate right before St. Patrick's Day. All are welcome!

Detention Ministry



NEXT MEETING! All are welcome to come to our next meeting in the Avila Room in the Parish Offices (510 N. El Molino Street) on **Friday, March 20**, at **8:00 p.m.** (following the Stations of the Cross). Learn how Detention Ministry brings Christ's love and mercy to incarcerated youth (ages 8-18 years) at Central Juvenile Hall. Our special guest, **Fr. Bernard Perkins, OCD**, will speak on "Prison Ministry of Faith and Healing."

March is Juvenile Justice Month of Faith and Healing.

JJMFH unites prayer, service, and action to raise awareness about the needs of incarcerated children, survivors of violence, and their families. Go to www.restorejustice.com for more information.

St. Therese School Auction Soiree

DATE/TIME: Saturday, **March 21**, from 6:00 TO 11:00 P.M.
LOCATION: The Thursday Club, 4440 Woodleigh Lane, La Canada
TICKETS: \$70 per person.
CONTACT: To purchase, contact Amy Boyle at (818) 606-4228 or tsauctionsoiree@gmail.com

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 Sessions will be

Saturdays, March 21, and April 18, at 10:00 a.m. each day in the Parish Offices. For more information, contact Katrina Crow at 292-1906 or Katrina.fcp@gmail.com or Martha Lacayo at 372-0808.

NATIONAL SPEAKER JESSE ROMERO TO SPEAK

Everyone is invited to hear this talk about ***RELATIVISM** on **Monday, March 23, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.,** in the Parish Hall.

Parents of Confirmation students are **REQUIRED** to attend, and admission for them is free. For all other persons, there is a suggested donation of **\$10** each.



***WHAT IS RELATIVISM?** *It is the false idea 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.)*

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 meetings will be **March 11 and 25.** 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). Our next meetings will be on **March 12 and 26.** 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 3/7/15 to 3/14/15

Saturday:

5:00 p.m.: Terry Kirchheiner INT

Sunday:

*7:30 a.m.: Aroon Seeda INT

7:30 a.m.: Parishioners

9:00 a.m.: Kenneth A. Locke RIP

11:00 a.m.: Frank Leon RIP

1:00 p.m. (Latin): Crescencio Gort RIP

5:00 p.m.: Dorina Militante RIP

Monday:

6:00 a.m.: Sharon & Dulce Gatica & Children INT

*7:30 a.m.: David Steele RIP

8:00 a.m.: Eileen Smith B-day INT

Tuesday:

6:00 a.m.: Stephen Totten RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Huong Tran INT

8:00 a.m.: Marie Valdez RIP

Wednesday:

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

*7:30 a.m.: Luis Figueroa RIP

8:00 a.m.: Glen & Helen Thomas RIP

Thursday:

6:00 a.m.: Kim Ki Chul RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Jose Munez RIP

8:00 a.m.: Wayne Thompson RIP

Friday:

6:00 a.m.: Balfour Alexander Wong RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Aurelio Pineda RIP

8:00 a.m.: Larry Hoh RIP

Saturday:

6:00 a.m. Huo Chen Yu Mei & Huo Kuo Shung RIP

*7:30 a.m.: Carmelite Community

8:00 a.m.: Richard Miller RIP

*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. You may schedule your dedication for anytime after Divine Mercy Sunday. Bouquets are \$40 and up.



Personal Ads

FOR LEASE OR SALE: 2-BR Town home by Ramona Convent School. Please contact cfrank1956@yahoo.com.

Outside the Parish

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Spain (with attendance at Teresian Int'l Mtg in Avila) with **FR. LEONEL & 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.

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

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.

Intentions of our Holy Father for March 2015:

1) That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person; and 2) That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

Lectors

Saturday:

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

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Blanca Ruvalcaba / Jackie Johnson

9:00 a.m. Jim Raney / Rosa Natividad

11:00 a.m. Ignacio Verduzco / Lorraine Mizerski

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

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